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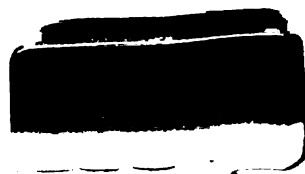
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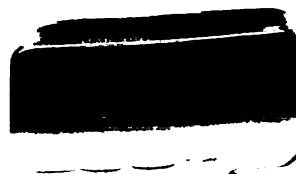
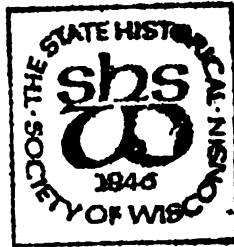


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242. GEN. NELSON CONVERSE* (*John*¹ (85), *Robert*,* *John*,* *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,* *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 10 October 1810; died in Marlborough, N. H., his residence, 27 April 1894, and is buried there. In consequence of the death of his mother when he was four years old, he was in the family of his sister, Mrs. Charles Holman, during his childhood and youth. Shortly after his marriage, he resided two years in Newport, Vt., where he was engaged in farming. Thence he returned to Marlborough, where the rest of his life was spent, with the exception of a brief period when, upon the completion of the Cheshire Railroad, he was station agent at Marlborough, N. H., and at Bellows Falls, Vt. In Marlborough he was at first engaged in the mill business with his brother Gilman, until the burning of their mill. After this he managed a boot and shoe factory for a short time; still later, was interested in the manufacture and sale of trusses and supporters. He finally engaged in stone quarrying, in which he continued for many years, in the meantime purchasing and improving considerable real estate. In 1838, largely through his instrumentality, the Marlborough Cadet Company was organized, uniformed, and equipped, and he soon became its commander. Thence he rose to the command of the 12th regiment of the New Hampshire Militia, and subsequently attained the position of Major General of the Third Division of the New Hampshire State Militia. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, he led the 6th regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers to the field as its first Colonel. In civil life, he officiated as moderator in town meetings for many years. He was Selectman three years, represented Marlborough in the legislature two years, and was County Commissioner three years, Justice of the Peace twenty years, and Deputy Sheriff six years. He declined an unanimous nomination to the office of Sheriff of the County. He was one of the building committee for erecting the court house at Keene. This sketch of his life is from Bemis' History of Marlborough, which says of him: "In all these positions, his record has been an honorable one to himself, and creditable to the town. As a citizen and neighbor his sympathies are always active for those in trouble, and, consequently, his counsel and advice are oftener solicited, perhaps,

than those of any other individual in town." General Converse, married, first, 10 September 1829, Sally M. Jones, daughter of William and Sally (Merriam) Jones. She died 9 November 1872, and he married, second, 16 January 1873, Mrs. Fannie M. Everett.

Children of Nelson and Sally M. (Jones) Converse:

LEVI N. CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 April 1830; died in Louisville, Ky., 3 Oct. 1870.

SARAH M. CONVERSE,⁹ born 13 Aug. 1834; died 26 April 1853.

JOHN WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁹ born 3 July 1848; married, 1st, in 1873, Clara A. Wheeler of Mason. She died without issue in May 1875. He married, 2nd, Mrs. Georgiana Elizabeth (Meador) Huckins, who was born in Tamworth, N. H., 22 May 1846, died in Somerville, Mass., 25 July 1894, and was buried in Marlborough, N. H. She was the daughter of Samuel, Jr., and Abigail Moulton (Lovering) Meador. John William Converse studied law with Wheeler & Faulkner in Keene, N. H., and with Augustus L. Soule in Springfield, Mass. He was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts in 1872, and practises law in Boston. He resides in Somerville, Mass., where he was an alderman in 1889 and 1890. Bemis' History of Marlborough, N. H., published in 1881, says that "when in Springfield he became interested in politics taking an active part in campaign work, and earned quite a reputation as a political speaker. He has always been a Republican. Like all others in his profession, he has been obliged to work hard and earnestly for the position he holds, but is now in the enjoyment of a moderate practice, and the full confidence of the bar. A clear thinker and close reasoner, his judgment is always to be relied on, as he never gives an opinion hastily. He is fast growing into prominence, and his success seems assured." Children, born in Somerville, Mass.:

LAURAGAIL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 Jan. 1882; d., in Somerville, 4 June 1889; buried in Marlborough, N. H.

JOHN NELSON CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 6 Nov. 1885; since his mother's death he has resided with her sister, Mrs. Laura A. Durrell, Laconia, N. H.

SAMUEL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 15 July 1890; resides with Mrs. Durrell in Laconia, N. H.

243. LUTHER CONVERSE⁸ (*Amasa*⁷(86), *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 22 February 1809; died 18 May 1843; lived in Marlborough, N. H.; married Sophia White, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Metcalf) White. She married, second, Samuel Blodgett; she died 5 September 1873.

Children of Luther and Sophia (White) Converse:

LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ married, 16 July 1848, Bradley E. Olmstead of St. Albans, Vt.; resided in Iowa.

HENRY MILES CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 Feb. 1832; married, 5 Sept. 1854, Rectina Louisa Ryder, who was born in Hartley, C. E., 26 June 1837. Removed to Canada. Five children:

SOPHIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 31 July 1855.

WILLIAM LUTHER CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Keene, 18 Aug. 1858.

HARRIET L. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Orford, 5 Sept. 1860.

E. LOUISA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Orford, 28 April 1862.

WESLEY MILES CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Springfield, Mass., 22 May 1864.

AMOS CONVERSE,⁹ born 1837; died 16 June 1842.

WESLEY CONVERSE,⁹ removed to the West.

244. WILLARD CONVERSE⁸ (*Amasa*⁷(86), *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Marlborough, N. H., 27 May 1811. He married, first, Hannah Ellis of Grafton, Mass., who died 9 January



Willard Converse.

1837. He married, second, 13 April 1837, Hannah White, daughter of Enoch and Hannah (Hale) White-Willard Converse and wife, Hannah, removed with their family from Marlborough, N. H., 27 May 1848, to the town of Harmony, Rock Co., Wis., where she died 10 March 1851, and was buried in Harmony Town Cemetery. He married, third, in September 1851, at Marlborough, N. H., Mary Carter, daughter of William and Mary (Sweetser) Carter. They removed from Harmony, Wis., May 1856, to Sumner Township, Winnesheik Co., Iowa, near New Oregon P. O., Howard County, where they took government land. This locality was but a sparsely settled country of broad, wild prairies, alive with wolves, deer, and all kinds of wild game. Meager school privileges were the greatest drawback encountered. Here his third wife died, in January 1884, and was buried in New Oregon Cemetery. He died in Cresco, Howard Co., Iowa, 28 November 1893, and was buried by the side of his last wife in New Oregon Cemetery. He had, in early life, acquired a good high school education, and later he followed different occupations. From 1840 to 1854, he worked at the blacksmith's forge. The remainder of his life was spent in farming and stock raising. He was a great reader of current news and of Bible history; always taking a lively interest in all public questions, although never seeking office nor accepting public offices tendered him.

Children of Willard and Hannah (Ellis) Converse:

STILLMAN AMOS CONVERSE,⁹ born in Marlborough, N. H., 24 Jan. 1832; received a good common-school education, and engaged in farming, first as an employé, and later as a farm owner. In 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co. I, 9th regiment Iowa Volunteers, for three years' service in the Civil War. He participated in many engagements, among which were the Battle of Pea Ridge and the siege of Vicksburg, where 22 May 1863, his regiment led the charge on the enemy's breastworks. During

this assault he was severely wounded in the lower thigh, and was sent home on a furlough of about six months. Recovering sufficiently, he re-enlisted for another period of three years, and started out with Sherman's army in its march to the sea; but, at the battle of Atlanta, while on duty in the advance picket line, he was shot down near Jonesboro, and was buried with others in an unknown grave. He married, 4 Oct. 1863, Mary Margaret Weygandt, daughter of John and Elizabeth Weygandt.

ZERUIAH LUCRETIA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Marlborough, N. H., 6 July 1834; residence 1902, and for ten years previously. Worcester, Mass. She resided in Pawtuxet, R. I., from 1872 to 1892. She married, 1st, 17 Nov. 1849, Hiram Hulbert, son of Thomas Hulbert of Camden, N. J. He died, and she married, 2nd, in Whitinsville, Mass., 1 June 1865, Wm. H. Batchelor, son of Ebenezer H. and Elsey (Plimpton) Batchelor.

WILLARD AMASA CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 Dec. 1836; died 28 Oct. 1837.

Children of Willard and Hannah (White) Converse:

WILLARD ENOCH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Marlborough, N. H., 2 Dec. 1840; died in New Orleans, La., 11 Aug. 1863; married Charlotte Smith. (412)

SAMUEL AMBROSE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Marlborough, N. H., 3 Jan. 1843; married Ellen Munson. (413)

CYNTHIA ABBIE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Marlborough, 5 Feb. 1845; received a good common-school education; married in Waucoma, Iowa, 25 Sept. 1864, William Blackburn, who was born in Bentham, Yorkshire, England, 17 June 1832. His father, Thomas Blackburn, was born in England, 2 Sept. 1793, and died 8 May 1854; his mother, Mary Spence, was born 7 May 1796, died 1880. William and Cynthia Abbie (Converse) Blackburn, resided on a farm near Cresco, Iowa, until 1892, when they moved into Cresco, where they now (1902) reside. Two sons have been born to them. WILLARD C. BLACKBURN,¹⁰ and MERRILL M. BLACKBURN.¹⁰

GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Marlborough, 17 Dec. 1847; married, 1st, Mary Ellen Blood; married, 2nd, —; married, 3rd, —. (414)

Child of Willard and Mary (Carter) Converse:

MARY SWEETZER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Sumner Township, Winnesheik Co., Iowa, 6 Sept. 1864; married by Rev. A. S. McConnell, 29 Jan. 1878, to John Pecinovsky, and removed, in 1882, to Bijou Hills, So. Dakota. There she was killed by lightning, in 1886, while driving on the road in a lumber wagon with one child in her arms and with one sitting by her side. She leaves the two children who were with her on that fatal drive, viz:

MARY A. PECINOVSKY,¹⁰ professional nurse in Samaritan Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa.

LOUISA C. PECINOVSKY,¹⁰ pupil in Cresco, Iowa, High School, in 1902.

245. ELIZA CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Spencer, Mass., 1 November 1801; died there 28 September 1854; married, 21 January 1819, Joseph Hamburg, who was born in Maine, 25 March 1793, and who died in No. Brookfield,

Mass., 26 May 1879. Joseph and Eliza (Converse) Hamburg were both buried in Greenville, Leicester, Mass.

Children:

NELSON HAMBURG,⁹ born, in Spencer, 21 Aug. 1820; died, in Connecticut, 4 April 1858, married Ellen Gibson, of Leicester, who died, in Spencer, in 1898. Children:

SARAH ELLEN HAMBURG,¹⁰ b., in Spencer, 2 July 1856; d. 2 Oct. 1857.

NELSON HARRIS HAMBURG,¹⁰ b., in Spencer, 24 July 1857; m., 5 April 1883, Ella White, daughter of King and Sarah White, of Millbury. They have one child: ESTELLE MARY HAMBURG,¹¹ b. 21 April 1885.

EDWIN HAMBURG,⁹ born, in Spencer, 21 Jan. 1824; died, in Leicester, 7 Jan. 1870; married, 23 June 1846, by Rev. Alvin Abbott, M. E., to Cynthia Putnam, who was born, in Spencer, in 1827, and who died in No. Brookfield, Mass., in 1895. Mrs. Hamburg married, second, Deacon Albert Spooner, of No. Brookfield, who was born in 1822, and who died in 1900. She was daughter of Andrew and Nancy Putnam of Spencer. Edwin and Cynthia (Putnam) Hamburg were buried at Greenville, Leicester.

Children:

GEORGE EDWIN HAMBURG,¹⁰ b., in Spencer, 12 July 1847; d. there 31 Dec. 1893; buried at Greenville, Mass. In 1866, he was in Amherst, Mass., learning the trade of jeweler; resided during the greater part of his life in No. Brookfield and Spencer, where he was in boot and shoe factories 1891-1893; thereafter he was in business for himself as a jeweler. He enlisted in U. S. Navy 13 May 1867; discharged 16 Dec. 1868. He was admitted 23 Aug. 1877 to Woodbine Lodge No. 180, I.O.O.F., No. Brookfield, as charter member. Member Baptist Church, Spencer, from 18 April 1886. Married, by Rev. Lewis Holmes at West Brookfield, Mass., 20 June 1872, to Cynthia Ann Cunningham, who was born 9 Nov. 1852, daughter of Homer and Eveline (Stimpeon) Cunningham of Greenville, Mass. Children:

MABEL CYNTHIA HAMBURG,¹¹ b. in No. Brookfield, Mass., 27 April 1873; educated in Spencer schools; graduated from David Prouty High School in June, 1891, and was class historian. Studied at Becker's Business College, Worcester, Mass., January 1897 to June 1897; clerk Isaac Prouty & Co., Spencer, Aug. 1892 to Nov. 1897; bookkeeper G. H. Bushnell Press Co., Thompsonville, Conn., Aug. 1897 to January 1899; invoice clerk Wright & Colton Wire Cloth Co., Worcester, Mass., since 1 January 1899. Residence No. Brookfield, Mass., 27 April 1873 to 7 Feb. 1878; Spencer, Mass., 7 Feb. 1878 to 15 June 1898; Worcester, Mass., since the date last mentioned. Member Baptist Church, Spencer, 5 Feb. 1888; Main Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Nov. 1900.

FLORENCE EVELINE HAMBURG,¹¹ b., in No. Brookfield, 4 May 1875; residence, No. Brookfield until 7 Feb. 1878; Spencer from that time until 15 June 1898; since then at Worcester, Mass. Educated in Spencer public schools; graduated from David Prouty High School June 1892, and from Becker's Business College, Worcester, June 1894. Bookkeeper L. C. Havener, Worcester, 1 Nov. 1894 to 1 Oct. 1896; book-

keeper and stenographer, J. A. Wright & Co., Keene, N. H., 1 Oct. 1896 to 1 Feb. 1898, stenographer Wright & Colton Wire Cloth Co., Worcester, since that time. Member Baptist Church, Spencer, 4 January 1891; Main Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Nov. 1900.

LEILA EARLE HAMBURG,¹¹ b., in Spencer, 18 Oct. 1884; residence, Spencer, thirteen years; Worcester since 15 June 1898. Early education in Spencer schools; entered Classical High School, Worcester, Sept. 1899. Member Main St. Baptist Church, Worcester, since 29 Dec. 1900.

HELEN GERTRUDE HAMBURG,¹¹ b., in Spencer, 17 Aug. 1889; residence, Spencer, eight years; Worcester, since 15 June 1898. Pupil in Spencer schools three years; now (1902) pupil in Worcester public schools.

HENRY PUTNAM HAMBURG,¹⁰ m., 4 July 1891, in Spencer, Gertrude L. Draper of Spencer. They reside in No. Brookfield. One daughter, ADDIE LEON HAMBURG,¹¹ b. 28 March 1893.

MARY ELIZA HAMBURG,⁹ born, in Spencer, 25 Oct. 1832; died 28 Dec. 1858; buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester, Mass.; married Joseph B. Stanley of Leicester, born in Uxbridge, son of Wells Stanley of the latter town. One child: WELLS STANLEY,¹⁰ b. 3 Sept. 1858; d. 24 Oct. 1858.

246. SIBLEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷(87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Spencer, Mass., 1 April 1803; died 31 July 1868; buried in Greenville, Leicester, Mass. He was a successful farmer in the southwest part of Leicester, and for several years highway surveyor. He married Esther Parker, daughter of John and Comfort (Shumway) Parker of Leicester. She died 2 August 1880, and was buried in Greenville, Leicester, Mass.

Children, all born in Leicester, Mass.:

HIRAM SIBLEY CONVERSE,⁹ born 19 Jan. 1830; married Delia Augusta Moffitt. (415)

CYNTHIA PARKER CONVERSE,⁹ born 11 March 1832; died 24 June 1901; married, 1st, Patrick Clark; 2nd, Benjamin Cheever; 3rd, Daniel Dunbar Haven. (416)

ADALINE CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Sept. 1834; died 14 Feb. 1835.

HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 14 April 1836; residence, Rutland, Mass.; married Mary A. Hardy of Leicester, daughter of Levi and Mary A. Hardy, born 19 Feb. 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Converse have one adopted daughter, Mary.

GEORGE CASSENDEN CONVERSE,⁹ born 29 Dec. 1837; died, in Brookfield, 13 April 1899; married Lucy Bemis. (417)

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ born 6 December 1839; married John Emmons Ball. (418)

EMMONS CONVERSE,⁹ born 8 May 1843; died 31 March 1847; buried in Greenville, Mass.

DULCENIA ESTHER CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 October 1845; married in Leicester, Mass., October 1866, Alpheus Densmore of New Hampshire. No children.

ADA SOPHIA CONVERSE,⁹ born 4 Dec. 1847; died 1 Feb. 1849.

247. DEXTER CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷(87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Mass., 3 April 1805;

died in Spencer, Mass., 9 September 1862; buried in Greenville, Leicester, Mass. He was a farmer; resided first in Leicester, Mass.; removed to Spencer in 1853. He maintained excellent government in his family, and was of that order of men of strict integrity, of whom it may be said that "their word is as good as their bond." He was married in Leicester, by Rev. Dr. Nelson, in 1828, to Caroline Turner, who was born in Bennington, Vt., 5 November 1807, died in Spencer, 6 October 1870, buried in Greenville. She was daughter of Lebbeus and Rebecca (Livermore) Turner of Leicester.

Children of Dexter and Caroline (Turner) Converse:

HARRISON CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 22 Dec. 1828; married Barbara Ann Fuller. (419)
LUMAN DEXTER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Charlton, Mass., 12 Nov. 1830; married Henrietta Whitney. (420)

MARIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Charlton, 31 July 1832; died in Webster, Mass., 11 Sept. 1899; married Elbridge Gerry Lamb. (421)

EDMUND CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Spencer, 3 Feb. 1834; married, 1st, Elizabeth Brown; married, 2nd, Elizabeth Mary Stone. (422)

ROXANA JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 10 Oct. 1836; married, 11 July 1860, Windsor Adams Bowen, son of Barnwell and Abigail (Adams) Bowen of Brookfield, Mass. They resided in East Brookfield, Mass., where he was a farmer. One son: ARTHUR WINDSOR BOWEN,¹⁰ born, in Brookfield, 22 April 1867; drowned 4 July 1876; buried in cemetery at Podunk, Brookfield.

CAROLINE AMANDA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Charlton, 12 Jan. 1838; married Adelbert Thayer Darling. (423)

ADELIN AMELIA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Charlton, 12 Jan. 1838; died in Brookfield, Mass., 20 July 1881. Member Spencer Mass. M. E. Church. Married, by Rev. Dr. John G. Adams, Universalist, of Worcester, 14 April 1860 to Eli Ludden, who was born in Spencer 20 Feb. 1826, died 27 Feb. 1873. Mr. Ludden was a farmer in the north part of Spencer. He was a member of Spencer M. E. Church. His parents were Daniel and Polly Ludden of Spencer. Children:

HENRY ELI LUDDEN,¹⁰ b., in Spencer, 19 Feb. 1867; drowned between New York and So. America 17 Dec. 1897.

ALMOND DEXTER LUDDEN,¹⁰ b., in Spencer, 3 July 1872; d. there 26 Aug. 1897. All buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer.

REBECCA ANNE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 17 April 1840; married Warren Jonas Livermore. (424)

SUSAN ADALAIDE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Spencer, 16 May 1842; unmarried. Recent residence, Worcester; previously Spencer.

LEBBEUS TURNER CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 14 April 1844; member N. E. Order of Protection, Royal Arcanum, Fraternal Helpers, Knights of Pythias, and Heptasophs; married in Worcester by Rev. H. M. Harris, Universalist, 5 Dec. 1881, to Esther Maria Leland, who was born in Templeton, Mass., 4 May 1848; daughter of Charles and Julia Fisher (Sawyer) Leland. Mr. and Mrs. Converse have one son, ARTHUR LELAND CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Worcester 2 Jan. 1890.

ALBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 6 April 1846; married 1 Aug. 1870, Ellen M. Nichols of Greenville, Leicester, Mass., daughter of John and Lucy (Baldwin) Nichols of Leicester. Residence, Johnstown N. Y.

ALMOND CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 6 April 1846; died 3 Sept. 1849.

LODISA ELMIRA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 21 March 1849; present residence (1902) Boston, Mass.; teacher. Member Spencer Congregational Church. Educated in Spencer public schools and in Spencer High School. Married by Rev. C. M. Lamson (Cong.) of Worcester, 13 Sept. 1875, to James Denny Smith, who was born in Rutland, Mass., in March 1845. Mr. Smith was a dry goods merchant in Westboro, Mass. He died there 28 March 1880; buried in Greenville, Leicester, Mass. He was son of Wm. Omen and Isabelle (Maynard) Smith of Rutland, Mass. Only child, JAMES DENNY SMITH,¹⁰ Jr., b., in Westboro, 29 June 1880; d. there 2 June 1881; buried in Greenville.

LOVISA ELVIRA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 21 March 1849; died there 3 Sept. 1849; buried Greenville.

MARY ELLA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Leicester, 30 June 1852; married Charles Henry Green. (425)

248. NANCY CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Mass., 26 January 1810; died in Oxford, Mass., 20 July 1856. She was a member of Oxford Plains Congregational Church. She married, 24 March 1834, Ira Merriam of Oxford, Mass., who died after 1856. He was son of Ebenezer and Phœbe (Stockwell) Merriam of Sutton, Mass. Ira Merriam was a prosperous farmer in North Oxford, Mass. In his younger days he taught school. He was a member of the Oxford Plains Congregational Church. He held the following civil offices: Selectman 1847, 1848, 1854, 1858, 1860 and 1864; assessor 1849, 1850, 1861, 1862 and 1863; and representative to the General Court in 1859.

Children of Ira and Nancy (Converse) Merriam:

IRA NELSON MERRIAM,⁹ born in Oxford, Mass., 2 Oct. 1836; died there unmarried 21 Oct. 1861. His remains and those of his father and mother lie in the North Oxford Cemetery.

ALBERT ELIOT MERRIAM,⁹ born, in Oxford, 20 Sept. 1843; educated in public schools and high school of Oxford, and in Wilbraham Academy; married, 1st, by Rev. Mr. Belding, Congregational minister of Oxford, to Abbie A. Shumway, who was born 12 July 1846. She died 7 Aug. 1870; buried at Oxford Plains; daughter of Lauriston and Clarissa (Eddy) Shumway of Oxford. One son:

ROBERT CONVERSE MERRIAM,¹⁰ b., in Oxford, 30 June 1870. He is in the Boston & Albany R. R. service at Webster, Mass. He was married by Rev. Mr. Mott (Episcopalian), 28 Sept. 1897, to Matilda Becker Wolfer. She was born in Webster, daughter of Lewis and Matilda (Becker) Wolfer. One son: ERNEST EVERETT MERRIAM,¹¹ b., in Webster, 8 Dec. 1899.

249. BRIGHAM CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Mass., 25 February 1815; died 16 December 1890; buried in Rural Cemetery, Worcester, Mass., where also lie the remains of those of his family who have died. He married,

first, 4 November 1841, Betsey Parker of Sutton, Mass.; married, second, Elizabeth Putnam, of Worcester, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Putnam of Worcester; married, third, Calista Sly of Webster, Mass., who died 26 January 1893.

To Brigham and Betsey (Parker) Converse two children were born: BETSEY CONVERSE⁹ and MARY ELIZA CONVERSE,⁹ both of whom died in infancy.

Children of Brigham and Elizabeth (Putnam) Converse, born in Worcester, Mass:

FREDERIC SAMUEL CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 Aug. 1849; died 13 May 1901; married Mary Chapin Bond. (426)

ELIZABETH PUTNAM CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 June 1851; married Joseph Emmons Goodell. (427)

250. DULCENIA CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 9 March 1818; died 10 March 1846; married, 24 May 1837, Reuben Thurston Eddy, farmer, who was born in Oxford, Mass., 7 Dec. 1811; died in Webster, Mass. His father, Joel Eddy, was born in Oxford 12 October 1786, and died 21 April 1865. His mother was Sally (Thurston) Eddy who died 20 December 1844. Reuben Thurston and Dulcenia (Converse) Eddy were members of Oxford Plains Congregational Church.

Children:

JOEL WATERMAN EDDY,⁹ born, in Oxford, 30 Aug. 1841; died 29 Sept. 1849; buried in No. Oxford.

SALLY THURSTON EDDY,⁹ born in Oxford 12 Aug. 1844; educated at Oxford High School, and taught school in No. Oxford; residence Oxford. She was married by Rev. Merrill Richardson (Cong.) of Worcester, Mass., 15 Feb. 1870, to Jotham Fitts, who was Assessor in Oxford in 1865, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1871, 1872, 1874 and 1875. He was son of David and Chloe (Nichols) Fitts of Oxford Gore. Children:

MARY DULCENIA FITTS,¹⁰ b., in Oxford, 1 Nov. 1872; a graduate from Rochdale, Mass., High School.

JOTHAM ALLEN FITTS,¹⁰ b., in Oxford, 12 June 1875; educated at High School at Rochdale, Mass., and at Lowell Textile School in Boston; woolen designer in Pascoag, R. I.

251. RUTH CONVERSE⁸ (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Spencer, Mass., 10 August 1824; died there 4 October 1883; buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. She married, first, 17 April 1844, Edward Sibley, who was born 24 April 1817, died 17 August 1848, buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. He was a farmer in the south part of Spencer; son of Rufus and Phoebe (Lafflin) Sibley. Mrs. Ruth (Converse) Sibley married, second, Aaron Bowker Wheelock, who was born in Uxbridge, Mass., 21

October 1826. He is a farmer in south part of Spencer. His parents were Ephraim and Charlotte (Bowker) Wheelock.

Children of Edward and Ruth (Converse) Sibley:

LOUISA MARIA SIBLEY,⁹ born, in Spencer, 6 Jan. 1846; married, by Rev. John Haven of Charlton, to Henry T. Rice, who was a farmer in south part of Spencer. Mr. Rice was born in Auburn, Mass.; died in 1898; son of Samuel and Mary S. Rice. No children.

FREELAND SIBLEY,⁹ born, in Spencer, 24 April 1847; farmer in south part of Spencer; married by Rev. G. E. Chapman, M. E., of No. Brookfield, 13 Dec. 1876, to Amanda Dean, daughter of Asa and Eliza (Hapgood) Dean of Oakham, Mass. They have two sons, both born in Spencer:

WALTER EDWARD SIBLEY,¹⁰ b. 25 July 1878.

LESTER FREELAND SIBLEY,¹⁰ b. 27 April 1888.

Children of Aaron Bowker and Ruth (Converse) Wheelock, born in Spencer:

EDWARD AARON WHELOCK,⁹ born 17 July 1852; residence, Oxford, Mass.; married, June 1876, Ida L. Morey, daughter of Edwin and Lucinda Morey of Charlton; they have one child:

ETHEL RUTH WHELOCK,¹⁰ b., in Charlton, 19 Oct. 1889.

ADDIE WHELOCK,⁹ born 8 Sept. 1854; married by Rev. T. E. St. John (Universalist) of Worcester, June 1875, to Frank A. Rice (born, in Walpole, Mass.; son of Henry G. and Elizabeth Rice). Mr. and Mrs. Rice have two sons, both born in Spencer:

HOLLY ADELBERT RICE,¹⁰ b. 1880.

MYRON FRANK RICE,¹⁰ b. July 1888.

252. WILLARD CONVERSE,⁹ JR. (*Willard*⁷ (87), *Daniel*,⁸ *John*,⁸ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,³ *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Spencer, Mass., 5 September 1831; resides on the old homestead, in the south part of Spencer, where his parents lived and died. He married, 13 December 1853, Sarah Jane Haven of Leicester, Mass., who was born in Caroline, N. Y., in 1834, daughter of Artemas and Mary (Dunbar) Haven.

Children, born in Spencer:

EMMONS WILLARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 March 1856; died, in Spencer, 31 May 1865.

EVA JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born 18 Dec. 1863; died, in Spencer, 5 June 1865.

IDA JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born 12 April 1866; married by Rev. Chas. M. Pierce (M. E.), of Charlton, 24 June 1883, to Albert O. Clark of Brookfield, son of Moses and Minerva Clark of Brookfield. They reside in Spencer, where their four children were born, viz:

EVA MINERVA CLARK,¹⁰ b. 27 March 1886.

ALTHA JOSEPHINE CLARK,¹⁰ b. 6 June 1892.

FREDERIC MOSES CLARK,¹⁰ b. 8 Sept. 1897.

ADA HARRIET CLARK,¹⁰ b. 8 Aug. 1900.

253. CAROLINE ABBOTT CONVERSE* (*Elijah Damon*⁷ (90), *Damon Reed*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Dayton, Ohio, 23 September 1820; died in Pittsburgh, Pa., 20 March 1854. She was of a very attractive personality, cultured, with a taste for music and art. She married, first, in Columbus, Ohio, 12 March 1843, Col. Caleb Jefferson McNulty, who was born in West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa., December 1816, and who died on board steamboat "Jamestown" 12 July 1846, near Helena, Arkansas, en route to Mexico in the U. S. service, 1st Ohio Infantry, Col. Charles Brough commanding. Col. McNulty was buried at Helena, Arkansas. He was a lawyer and editor, and was distinguished as a political writer and orator. His earliest maternal ancestor settled at Kent, Conn. His grandfather, Col. David Williamson, was a distinguished officer in the early Indian wars in Ohio.

Mrs. Caroline Abbott (Converse) McNulty married, second, in Columbus, Ohio, in 1852, William S. Campbell, then of Pittsburgh, Pa., and later of Philadelphia, Pa., where he owned the St. Lawrence Hotel on Chestnut Street. He died during the Civil War. No children were born of the second marriage.

Col. Caleb Jefferson and Caroline Abbott (Converse) McNulty had one son:

ROB ROY MCGREGOR McNULTY* (name changed by Connecticut Court to ROB ROY MCGREGOR CONVERSE*), born in Cincinnati, Ohio, 16 Nov. 1844. His mother died when he was ten years old, and he resided thereafter with his stepfather, Mr. Wm. S. Campbell, in Philadelphia, Pa. At the age of sixteen he ran away from college and joined the army as a private in the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, serving throughout the war as such, from Sept. 1861 to July 1865. He was wounded at Gettysburg; nursed to health at Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia; captured the second day of the Wilderness Battle with nearly the entire brigade; was a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., and at Florence, N. C., from May to December 1864. He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., in 1867, and entered the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa., in preparation for the Presbyterian ministry, to which he was ordained in 1871. He was pastor of Westminster Church, Columbus, Ohio, 1872-1876. In the following year, he became a candidate for orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Connecticut, and entered the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Williams in the spring of 1878, and advanced to the priesthood in the winter of that year. He became at once assistant minister of St. John's Church, Waterbury, Conn., and, a few months later, succeeded to its rectorship. In 1883, he



REV. ROB ROY MCGREGOR CONVERSE,
D.D., D.C.L.

accepted a call to Christ Church, Corning, N. Y., where he remained until 1887, when he became chaplain of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and lecturer on logic, psychology, metaphysics and Christian evidence. These positions he held until 1897, when he was called to the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, N. Y. He soon took the leading position among the clergy of every denomination in that city. In 1898, he started an endowment fund for St. Luke's, which had become a "down town" church, and in two years had raised \$25,000 for that fund. Through application to the Connecticut Court, he took his mother's name, Converse, in 1881. In 1890, he received the degree of D.D. from Griswold College, Iowa, and in 1897 the degree of D. C. L. from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. The following sketch of him in the National Cyclopædia of American Biography was written by a distinguished friend:

"Dr. Converse's work in the ministry has been successful and permanently useful. His characteristic qualities are his personal magnetism ("contagiousness" would be a better word) and his encyclopædic knowledge, whether it be a question of theology or history, of the style of Sophocles or the habits of fishes, of a question in physics or literature, his knowledge is curiously wide, minute, and accurate. It is to be regretted that one whose information is so great and whose mind is so vigorous and active should not have given more public expression to his thought."

Dr. Converse was married, in Corning, N. Y., Aug. 1887, by Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Nott Potter, President of Hobart College, to Mary Amelia Howard, who was born in Memphis, Tenn., in February 1860. Her father, William Thomas Howard, was a Major in the Confederate service, and resided in Memphis, Tenn. His mother was a relative of President Polk; two of her ancestors (Polks) were signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence; one ancestor (a Polk) was Colonel of a South Carolina regiment in the Revolutionary War; and a great uncle (a Howard) gave the Square in Baltimore on which Washington's monument was placed. William Thomas Howard was also a nephew of Bishop (afterwards Confederate General) Polk. The mother of Mrs. Mary Amelia (Howard) Converse was Amelia Jane Hungerford, whose last residence was Corning, N. Y. Children of Dr. Rob Roy McGregor and Mary Amelia (Howard) Converse, born in Geneva, N. Y.:

PAUL HOWARD MCGREGOR CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 30 May 1888.

ROB ROY STEARNS CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 3 June 1894.

254. CORNELIA LEE CONVERSE⁸ (*Elijah Damon*⁷ (90), *Damon Reed*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Columbus, Ohio, 30 January 1833; died in Maysville, Ky., 19 May 1859; married in Columbus, Ohio, 25 November 1852, John Andrew Coburn who was born in Maysville, Ky., 25 November 1823. He was a hardware merchant in Maysville, a member of the firm of Coburn, Lupton & Ayres. He died 19 February 1896. His father, Dr. Wilson Coburn, was born in Maysville, in 1790; was a surgeon in the War of 1812, and practised medicine in Maysville until his death there in 1837. John Andrew Coburn's mother was Ann Wills Wood, who was born in Maysville in 1795; died 31 December 1893.

John A. and Cornelia Lee (Converse) Coburn had two daughters:

JACQUELINE CONVERSE COBURN⁸ (called Lena), born 6 Oct. 1853; her mother died when the child was five years of age, and her father then going to California, she was

brought up by her grandmother Coburn, and lived part of the time in Maysville, Ky., and part of the time in Lawrenceville, Ill. She was married in Lawrenceville, 15 Aug. 1878, to Edward Tracy, who was born in Vincennes, Ind., 28 April 1844. He is a merchant in Lawrenceville, Ill. His parents were Alvin Waterman and Lucinda (Thorn) Tracy. Alvin Waterman Tracy was born in Vincennes, Ind., 21 Aug. 1807; had a general store; conducted a ferry across the Wabash River to Lawrence Co., Illinois; died 17 Sept. 1851. Mrs. Lucinda (Thorn) Tracy was born in Vincennes, 22 April 1810, and died 13 March 1865. Edward and Jacqueline Converse (Coburn) Tracy reside in Lawrenceville, Ill. They have two children:

ROY COBURN TRACY,¹⁰ b. 21 Feb. 1880.

CORNELIA CONVERSE TRACY,¹⁰ b. 24 Nov. 1888.

CARRIE McNULTY COBURN,⁹ born 23 Aug. 1857; died in Superior, Douglass Co., Wis., 23 July 1858.

255. EDWARD CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷(91), *Damon Reed*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., 22 May 1819; died in Leray, Jefferson Co., N. Y. The following obituary is from the Watertown, N. Y., Daily Times of 12 February 1901:

On Friday night, Feb. 8 (1901) Edward Converse died at his home on Pleasant Street, Leray. His death ended the career of one who has figured prominently in the history of Jefferson County for more than sixty years.

He was born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., May 22, 1819, two days before the birth of Queen Victoria, and his death followed that of the queen by only about two weeks, and since the death of the queen Mr. Converse had frequently remarked to his friends that he would outlive her majesty by only a brief period.

Mr. Converse passed his boyhood and school days in Connecticut and at the age of twenty went to New York to enter the employment of a dry goods house where he remained for a year.

His parents, Hiram and Sarah (Rust) Converse, came from Kent, Conn., to Sterlingville in 1839; the elder Converse having been induced to purchase an interest in the Sterling Iron Co., and to assume the management of the smelting furnaces then in operation in Sterlingville. After a few years in Sterlingville the elder Converse was forced to purchase a farm just over the town line in Leray, which farm was deeded by the Iron Co. to Edward Converse in 1840, and was practically all the elder Converse received for his services with the Iron Co.

At this time Edward Converse relinquished his position in New York, to join his parents in consideration of which, and agreeing to remain with them, he came into the possession of the farm which has been his home constantly since that date.

It was during the connection of the elder Converse with the Sterling Iron Co. that "Madame Antoinette Sterling" was born, and she was named by Mrs. Converse in honor of her daughter, Marie Antoinette Converse, who died in 1835.

Mr. Converse was an old-time republican, joining the party at its birth and

served several years on the board of assessors of the town of Leray. During his later years he voted with the prohibitionist party, having been always a strong advocate of temperance. Until rendered feeble by his old age he was an active member of the Philadelphia grange. He was always actively interested in the advancement of agricultural interests. An enthusiastic lover of a good horse, having devoted a goodly portion of his life to breeding and raising horses, the driving track on his farm has been the scene of many enthusiastic gatherings of local horsemen. His horses have been the source of one of his chief enjoyments until advancing age deprived him of their use.

He has been in vigorous health until the past two or three years, an active, enterprising agriculturist of the old school until nearly eighty years of age.

In religion he believed in Universalism in its broadest sense, and his life was measured by the "Golden Rule." He was a man who always remembered a friendly act and never forgot an injustice, loved by his family and friends, respected and trusted by every one with whom he came in contact.

His end was calm and peaceful, the machinery of his life had simply worn out and run down; the serene ending of a useful life in the full richness of more than fourscore years.

The funeral conducted by Rev. L. D. Green, of Felts Mills, was held today at 11 A. M. from the house, which has been his home for more than half a century.

Interment was in the family plot in the old "Sheep Fold" cemetery at Leraysville.

The bearers were Eber T. Strickland, George Comstock, William Miller and John Bullard, neighbors and friends of the deceased.

It was in 1841 that Edward Converse came to Sterlingville. He was educated at Amenia Seminary, Litchfield Co., Conn. In 1871, he built a Yankee cheese factory on his farm, which he operated until he began raising trotting horses in 1880. He was also salesman for the cheese factory, and a member of the Board of Trade of Watertown, N. Y., and Assessor of the town in which he lived. In 1882, he bought one hundred and fourteen acres adjoining his farm of one hundred acres. From 21 February 1867, he was a member of the I. O. G. T. of Sterlingville. He was married, first, in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., by Rev. Joseph A. Rosseele, Presbyterian Pastor, 28 September 1853, to Letitia Ann Barbur, who was born in Antwerp, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 30 August 1824, and who died in Leray, N. Y., 17 May 1874, daughter of Abraham and Dorcas (Munson) Barbur of Philadelphia, N. Y. He was married, second, in Leraysville, by Rev. C. Phelps, 13 February 1879, to Mrs. Demetria Elizabeth (Waful) Mosher, widow of Albert P. Mosher of Leraysville, and daughter of Heman and Jemima

(Ross) Waful. She was born in Leray 24 February 1842; she is a member of the M. E. Church, of the I. O. G. T., and of the Grange.

Child of Edward and Letitia Ann (Barbur) Converse:

EMMA JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leray, 20 Oct. 1861; a graduate from Watertown, N. Y., High School; member Trinity P. E. Church of Watertown; married in Watertown, 8 Nov. 1879, to Jerome Edward Hibbard, who was born in Leray, 21 April 1851, son of Edward and Siloma (Ruff) Hibbard. Since marriage their occupation has been mixed farming on a highly cultivated farm of 140 acres near Watertown, N. Y., of which the post office address is Evans Mills, Jefferson Co., N. Y. One son: RALPH BARBUR HIBBARD,¹⁰ b. 20 April 1881; educated at Watertown Business College; violinist; he has a fine musical education, and makes music his profession

To Edward and Demetria Elizabeth (Waful) Mosher Converse one daughter was born:

GRACE ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leray, 6 July 1880. She received her early education under a governess at Leray Mansion, Le Raysville, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; was graduated from Philadelphia, N. Y., High School, June 1897; graduated from State Normal School, Cortland, N. Y., 3 July 1900; teacher in Philadelphia, N. Y., High School, during the school year of 1900-1901; member Philadelphia, N. Y., Congregational Church; married, in Leray, by Rev. F. A. Hassold, Congregational Pastor of Philadelphia, N. Y., 19 July 1900, to Burton Whitney Aldrich, who was born in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 23 May 1874, son of Martin F. and Ann Eliza (Whitney) Aldrich. He was educated in Philadelphia, N. Y., High School, was a member of the I. O. G. T. of Philadelphia, N. Y., is a Notary Public; holds a responsible position in the Bank of Philadelphia, N. Y.; is an agent of the New York Life Insurance Co.; and a member of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational Church of Philadelphia, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Whitney Aldrich reside in Philadelphia. They had one daughter, RUTH ELIZA ALDRICH,¹⁰ still-born, in Philadelphia, N. Y., 17 Feb. 1902.

256. CAROLINE CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. Josiah*⁷ (93), *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born January 1804; died in Staffordville, Conn., 31 October 1861; married Nathaniel Hyde, iron founder, of Stafford, who was born February 1800, and died, in Stafford, 11 October 1830. After her husband's death she lived in Staffordville, Conn.

Children:

NATHANIEL ALDEN HYDE,⁹ REVEREND, born 10 (or 20) May 1827; was graduated from Yale College in 1847; Congregational clergyman in Indianapolis, Ind.; married, 28 Aug. 1866, Laura K. Fletcher, daughter of Stoughton A. Fletcher, Esq.

WILLIAM HYDE,⁹ born 16 Dec. 1828; died 7 Nov. 1830.

HENRY HYDE⁹ (posthumous), born 28 Jan. 1831; died 18 Sept. 1839.

257. HON. ELIAB A. CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. Josiah*⁷ (93), *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in

Stafford, Conn., 24 March 1806; married, 21 March 1830, Sarah Adeline Young, who was born 13 January 1804.

"Commencing life without means, depending on his own integrity and energy, he soon displayed a capacity for business which made him one of the most extensive and successful manufacturers of Connecticut. His first efforts were directed to the iron business, and he continued to the present (1869) in the machine and furnace business; but he was better known as a large manufacturer of woolen goods. He was the agent and chief owner of five mills, which employed a great number of hands. During the past thirty years preceding he established a character as an honest and skilful manager of a large and difficult business. In all the commercial crises through which manufacturing has passed in this country, he has been equal to the emergency, and never suffered any loss to his credit or permanent business success.

He has repeatedly held public office,—not sought, but forced upon him by the community. He served three terms in the House of Representatives of Connecticut and one term in the Senate of Connecticut. He is generous in disposition courteous in manner and commanding in person."

Children of Eliab A. and Sarah Adeline (Young) Converse:

WILLIAM ALDEN CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 March 1831; died 19 May 1837.

ALBERT E. CONVERSE,⁹ born 19 March 1833; died 26 May 1837.

MARTHA ADELINE CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 June 1835; married Hon. Julius L. Strong of Hartford, Conn., and had daughter, Caroline A. Strong,¹⁰ born 1860. Mr. Strong attained success and distinction in his profession of the law, and represented his district in the U. S. House of Representatives in 1869.

HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 May 1837; was associated with his father in woolen manufacturing at Stafford.

CAROLINE ELLEN CONVERSE,⁹ born 4 July 1839; married, Oct. 1863, Carlos C. Kimball, manager of a large insurance agency at Hartford, Conn., and President of the Hartford Life and Annuity Co. Their son, GEORGE KIMBALL,¹⁰ was born 1866.

ELIAB ALDEN CONVERSE,⁹ JR., born 19 Oct. 1844; married, 16 Jan. 1867, Vesta A. Bolton, adopted daughter of J. H. Bolton of Hartford, Conn., associated with his father in manufacturing at Staffordville.

258. JOSEPH HIRAM CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Josiah*⁷ (93), *Capt. Josiah*,⁸ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁸ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,⁸ *Lieut. James*,³ *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1813; lived first in Stafford, Conn.; removed to Norwich, Conn., in 1863, and thence to Springfield, Mass., in 1867. He was an iron founder and a woolen manufacturer. The Hyde genealogy says he was wealthy and influential. He married Rachel Newkirk.

Children:

MARTHA CONVERSE,⁹ died early.

EDWIN CONVERSE,⁹

CHARLES CONVERSE.⁹
 MARTHA CONVERSE.⁹
 ALBERT CONVERSE.⁹
 WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁹ died.
 MARY CONVERSE.⁹
 FLORENCE CONVERSE.⁹

259. EUNICE CONVERSE⁸ (*Joshua*⁷(95), *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 8 July 1789; married Nathan Carpenter of Middlebury, Vt.

Children:

EDWIN CONVERSE CARPENTER,⁹ born 6 Nov. 1816; died 11 Oct. 1849.
 EDWARD CARPENTER,⁹ died young in 1818.
 MARY CARPENTER,⁹ born in Middlebury, Vt., 26 Oct. 1821; died there 4 Feb. 1879.
 MARCIA CARPENTER,⁹ born in Middlebury, 26 Nov. 1823; died there 3 March 1860; married, 27 April 1852, Asahel C. Hooker. Children, all born in Middlebury:
 MARY HOOKER,¹⁰ b. 27 Oct. 1853; d. 12 April 1877; m. Alson McQuiney, of Ripton, Vt.
 EDWIN HOOKER,¹⁰ b. 4 March 1857; d. there 4 July 1866.
 MARCUS CARLOS HOOKER,¹⁰ b. 25 Feb. 1860; m., 21 March 1888, Mary Sophia Wales of Middlebury.
 EUNICE CARPENTER,⁹ born 23 March 1826; died 21 Jan. 1859; married Josiah Dewey, of Middlebury, Vt., who was born 10 June 1828, and died 2 Dec. 1892. One son:
 WILLIS A. DEWEY,¹⁰ of Ann Arbor, Mich., b. 25 Oct. 1858; m. Celina Lelande, b. in New Orleans, 27 Jan. 1861. Their son, JOSIAH EARL DEWEY,¹¹ was b. in San Francisco, Cal., 22 Dec. 1888.
 NATHAN JUDE CARPENTER,⁹ born 22 Aug. 1830; died 1 May 1855.

260. CALVIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Joshua*⁷(95), *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 September 1796; died in Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., 31 October 1870. As a young man he was a school teacher in Burlington, Vt., where he married, 15 June 1820, Sally Thomas, whose people were prosperous stock-raisers. She was born in Orwell, Vt., 7 April 1799, and died in Leon, N. Y., 25 March 1868. She was the daughter of Joseph and Esther (Sandford) Thomas, who were married 17 January 1792. Joseph Thomas was born 22 May 1764, and Esther Sandford was born 6 August 1768. It is thought that all the children of Calvin and Sally (Thomas) Converse were born during the residence of the parents in Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Converse moved to Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where he owned a comfortable home and several pieces of land. He was at one time Superintendent of the Poor. He was connected with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Converse were both buried in Leon.

Children of Calvin and Sally (Thomas) Converse:

CATHERINE ELIZA CONVERSE,⁹ born 13 April 1823; died in Leon after 1870; married David Lang. They lived in Leon and had two sons, viz:

JEROME C. LANG,¹⁰ b., in Leon, in 1844; m. Chris. Cooper. They had a daughter, MAUD E. LANG,¹¹ b., in Leon, 11 April 1868, and a son, CARNEY LANG,¹¹ b., in Leon, 20 Jan. 1886.

MARCUS G. LANG,¹⁰ b. in Rutledge, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., in 1849; married Nett Kisted, and had daughter, CLARA E. LANG,¹¹ b. in Leon, 10 Sept. 1873.

GEORGE HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 Sept. 1825; died 20 April 1843.

MARCUS DARWIN CONVERSE,⁹ born 2 Oct. 1827; died 12 Oct. 1849, in Sacramento City, Cal., where he went with a physician with whom he was studying medicine.

CHARLES HOWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 6 Feb. 1830; died 3 Sept. 1896; married Lydia Jane Gerow. (428)

JULIA CONVERSE,⁹ died 4 March 1834.

JULIAN CLINTON CONVERSE⁹ (twin), born in Orwell, Vt., 5 Sept. 1834; died in Beloit, Wis., married Henrietta Josephine Perrine. (429)

JULIUS HENRY CONVERSE⁹ (twin), born 5 Sept. 1834; married Frances Ada Thompson. (430)

261. HANNAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Joshua*⁷(95), *Capt. Josiah*,⁸ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁸ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1 April 1803; died 13 June 1869; married, 22 January 1826(?), Marvin North of Shoreham, Vt., who was born 13 June 1800, and died 12 January 1883.

Children:

JULIUS NATHANIEL NORTH,⁹ born 17 Aug. 1829; died, 1 April 1895, in Shoreham, Vt. He married 22 Oct. 1857, Sally Maria Jones of Shoreham.

HENRY BATEMAN NORTH,⁹ born 22 June 1832; died 23 May 1862, a prisoner of war in a Union Hospital within the rebel lines at Winchester, Va. He was unmarried. He enlisted from Shoreham, Vt., and was a Corporal in Co. K, 1st Vermont Vol. Cavalry, in the Civil War.

MARY LEORA NORTH,⁹ born in Shoreham, Vt., 26 Oct. 1834; married, 1 Sept. 1859, Peverill S. Peake of Bristol, Vt., who died 13 March 187-(?) Their only child, ANNA JANE PEAKE,¹⁰ was born 1 March 1862.

CLAYTON NELSON NORTH,⁹ born in Shoreham, Vt., 23 January 1840; married, 20 Dec. 1865, Anne Elizabeth Bascom, who was born in Orwell, Vt., 6 July 1844, granddaughter of Elias and Eunice (Allen) Bascom of Deerfield, Mass. Children:

JULIUS BASCOM NORTH,¹⁰ b., in Shoreham, 24 Feb. 1869; m., 14 Oct. 1897, Jane Langworthy Matthews, who was b. in Fort Edward, N. Y., 30 Nov. 1868. He is a law stenographer, and resides (1898), in Fort Edward, N. Y.

CLAYTON CONVERSE NORTH,¹⁰ b., in Shoreham, 22 April 1879; d. there 21 April 1880.

ELIZABETH CLARK NORTH,¹⁰ b., in Shoreham, 24 Feb. 1881.

262. HARRIET CONVERSE⁸ (*Shubael*⁷(96), *Col. Israel*,⁸ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁸ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 17 November

1801; married, 21 February 1822, Jason Steele, a lawyer and graduate of Dartmouth College in class of 1812.

Children:

HARRIET CONVERSE STEELE,⁹ born 2 Nov. 1822; married, 7 Oct. 1852, her cousin, Delos W. Beadle, lawyer, of St. Catherine's, Canada. Children:

CHAUNCEY BEADLE,¹⁰ b. 6 Jan. 1855; d. 25 Feb. 1855.

KATE ELIZABETH BEADLE,¹⁰ b. 21 Oct. 1856.

HARRIET ORINDA BEADLE,¹⁰ b. 22 Aug. 1862.

SUSAN ELLEN BEADLE,¹⁰ b. 7 May 1864.

DELOS BEADLE,¹⁰ b. 5 Aug. 1866.

GEORGE HENRY STEELE,⁹ born 30 Nov. 1824; was graduated at Dartmouth College in July 1845; died in Cambridge, Mass., 15 Nov. 1846, while attending Harvard Law School.

ELLEN SARAH STEELE,⁹ born 19 Sept. 1835.

CAROLINE PAINE STEELE,⁹ born 9 Nov. 1838; married, 13 June 1866, Henry Wardner of Windsor, Vt., and had:

HENRY STEELE WARDNER,¹⁰ b. 8 July 1867.

SUSAN ELLEN WARDNER,¹⁰ b. 31 Dec. 1868.

SUSAN ELIZABETH STEELE,⁹ born 8 Jan. 1842; died, unmarried, 29 Dec. 1868.

CHARLES EDWARD STEELE,⁹ born 14 April 1845; was graduated at Norwich University July 1864.

263. DOCTOR SHUBAEL CONVERSE⁹ (*Shubael*⁷ (96), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 7 September 1805; died 6 Aug. 1867; prominent physician in Norwich, Vt.; married, 29 June 1841, Luvia Elizabeth Morrill, who was born 13 October 1818, sister of U. S. Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont.



Com. George A. Converse.

Children:

CHARLES BELL CONVERSE,⁹ DOCTOR, born 2 April 1842; physician in Jersey City, N. J.

GEORGE ALBERT CONVERSE,⁹ CAPTAIN U. S. N., born 13 May 1844; Commander U. S. warship "Montgomery" in Spanish-American War. He was appointed as Chief of Bureau of Navigation, 29 July 1904, having previously been Chief of the Bureaus of Equipment and of Ordnance.

"My patience is well nigh exhausted by the persistence with which ignorant people are attributing to Mr. Hobson the conception of the *Merrimac* affair. The idea never entered Hobson's head until it was put there by Admiral Sampson, to whom it was suggested by Commander George A. Converse, of the cruiser *Montgomery*, who was the real originator of the scheme." (Town Topics.)

The Converse Family

SOPHIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ born 7 June 1847; residence, Norwich, Vt.

ANNA BUTLER CONVERSE,⁹ born 26 Feb. 1850; residence, Norwich, Vt.

CHARLOTTE BUGBEE CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 April 1855; residence, Norwich, Vt.

264. PHILENA CONVERSE⁸ (*Frederick*⁷ (97), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 20 February, 1794; died in East Randolph, Dodge Co., Wis., 7 December 1869; married 11 September 1823, by Rev. Tilton Eastman, to Eben Hyde, of Stafford, Conn., who died 16 March 1847. Residence, Stafford, Tolland Co., Conn.

Children:

MARGARET HYDE,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 8 Oct. 1824; died 22 Feb. 1898; residence Stafford; married by Elder Hicks, 28 Mar. 1844, to George Frank Cady of Stafford. They had daughter:

ANNAH A. CADY,¹⁰ b., in Stafford, 25 Dec. 1846; m., by Rev. G. V. Maxham, 27 Dec. 1869, to Theodore F. Mead, of Norwich, Conn. Children, all born in Stafford:

GRACE ELIZABETH MEAD,¹¹ b. 28 Aug. 1874.

STELLA ANNAH MEAD,¹¹ b. 12 Dec. 1876; d. 12 May 1879.

FRANK HOWARD MEAD,¹¹ b. 13 Dec. 1878.

SARAH HYDE,⁹ b., in Stafford, 12 Sept. 1826; died 7 April 1897; married, 18 June 1872, William A. Colburn; residence, Stafford. No children.

CEMANTHA HYDE,⁹ born 6 May 1828; died 8 Sept. 1830.

FREDERICK CONVERSE HYDE,⁹ born, in Stafford, 24 Dec. 1831; married, by Elder Lathrop, 7 Dec. 1865, to Rosa Rockerfeller, in East Randolph, Wis. where they resided. Children, all born in East Randolph, Wis.:

GEORGE FREDERICK HYDE,¹⁰ b. 20 Dec. 1866; d. Aug. 1889.

ARBER HYDE.¹⁰

EBER HYDE.¹⁰

FRANK HYDE.¹⁰

265. JOHN CONVERSE⁸ (*Frederick*⁷ (97), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 9 November 1797; married by Benning Mann, Esq., 10 June 1822, to Azubah Pinney. Residence, Westford, Dodge Co., Wis.

Children:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁹ married, by Rev. Waldo Lyon, 1 Nov. 1842, to Alvin B. Alden; residence, Portage City, Wis. Two children living in 1869.

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ died 5 Oct. 1846.

JOHN PHELPS CONVERSE,⁹ married, by Elder Fish, to Mary J. Ketcham. Killed, in a threshing machine, 8 Oct. 1856; left three children.

FREDERICK J. CONVERSE,⁹ married, by E. K. Vaughn, Esq., to Elizabeth Presbry; residence, Dundas, Minn.

L. P. CONVERSE,⁹ married Amanda Bernar; residence, Frankfort, Ky.

HENRY B. CONVERSE,⁹ married, by Rev. Joseph Ward, to Martha Harris; residence, Randolph, Wis.

PHILENA CONVERSE,⁹ died before 1869; married, by Rev. Joseph Ward, to James Taylor.

ANN CONVERSE,⁹ married, by Elder Shepard, to E. W. Gaylord; residence, Faribault, Rice Co., Minn.

266. PASCHAL CONVERSE⁸ (*Frederick*⁷ (97), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 17 January 1811; residence, New Haven, Conn.; married, by Rev. Mr. Bailey, 30 March 1840, to Anna Sophia Grow.

Children:

FREDERICK LEWIS CONVERSE,⁹ born in Chesterfield, N. H., 27 Feb. 1841; residence, New Haven, Conn.; married in Holyoke, Mass., by Rev. Mr. Gorham, 18 Sept. 1862, to Lucy Jane Conklin, daughter of John Isaac and Delia (Thorpe) Conklin. Mr. and Mrs. Converse had son, GEORGE FREDERICK CONVERSE,¹⁰ M.D., who was b. in New Haven, Conn., 11 May 1863. He was graduated at Yale University, Sheffield Scientific 1886 and Medical School, 1888. Residence, New Haven, Conn. Dr. Converse married, in New Haven, by Rev. Mr. McCrea, 12 June 1894, Susan Marsena Smith, daughter of Willis Marsena and Susan Louise (Hollis) Smith. Children:

ETHEL CONVERSE,¹¹ b. in New Haven, Conn., 12 July 1897.

FREDERICK WILLIS CONVERSE,¹¹ b., in New Haven, 30 April 1899.

ESTELLA SOPHIA CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Haven, Conn., 15 March 1850; residence, New Haven, Conn.; married, by Rev. Mr. Houghton, in New York City, 16 Oct. 1873, to Simeon Harrison Wagner son of Daniel Wilson and Melinda (Harrison) Wagner. One son: HARRISON GROW WAGNER,¹⁰ b. in New Haven 3 Oct. 1874; was graduated from Yale College, Sheffield Scientific, 1895, Law School, 1898, resides in New Haven; in April, 1903, was unmarried.

CHARLES REED CONVERSE,⁹ b. in New Haven, Conn., 15 Jan. 1853; residence New Haven; married there by Rev. Isaac C. Meserve, 21 Dec. 1888, to Helen Jeanette Monson, daughter of Henry Hart, and Eunice Jeanette (Evarts) Monson. No children.

267. ANNA ADELINE CONVERSE⁸ (*Israel*⁷ (98), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 10 June 1801; married, in Randolph, Vt., 3 April 1825, to Erastus Frissell who was born 16 February 1801. They removed to Cleveland, Ohio, about 1837.

Children:

HENRY C. FRISSELL,⁹ born in Randolph, Vt., 22 Jan. 1826; married, in New York City, 11 Nov. 1848, to Grace McLaughlin, who was born 20 May 1826. Children:

ADELINE CONVERSE FRISSELL,¹⁰ b. 28 Aug. 1849.

HELEN CONVERSE FRISSELL,¹⁰ b. 5 Aug. 1851.

GRACE McLAUGHLIN FRISSELL,¹⁰ b. 1 March 1853.

GEORGE CONVERSE FRISSELL,⁹ born in Randolph, Vt., 26 Nov. 1829; married, 12 April 1855, Maria J. Perry, who was born 28 Feb. 1838. Children:

WILLIAM PERRY FRISSELL,¹⁰ b. 10 July 1861.

LUCIAN A. FRISSELL,¹⁰ b. 10 Jan. 1863.

WILLIAM CONVERSE FRISSELL,⁹ b. in Randolph, Vt., 10 Sept. 1834; d. 9 June 1850.

268. MARY ANN CONVERSE⁸ (*Israel*⁷ (98), *Col. Israel*⁶, *Licut. Josiah*⁵, *Capt. Josiah*⁴, *Maj. James*³, *Licut. James*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born 30 April 1803; married, 13 May 1830, Jacob K. Parish of Randolph, Vt., who was the youngest son of his father in 1788. His father was born in Connecticut in 1752. Jacob K. Parish's great-grandfather was Isaac Parish. Jacob K. Parish's grandfather was Zebulon Parish. Zebulon Parish and two of his sons were later taken prisoners by the Indians in the Revolutionary War, in Southern New York, near the Susquehanna River. He and his oldest son were taken to Canada and were soon exchanged. The younger son, Jasper, was left in the hands of the Six Nations, for years in New York, and after leaving them settled in Canandaigua. Most of Zebulon's family moved from Connecticut to New York, but the father of Jacob K. Parish and a younger brother came to Vermont in 1788. One of the sons of Zebulon Parish was for many years Indian Agent and Interpreter for the Six Nations, having been appointed in the administration of President John Adams.

Children of Jacob K. and Mary Ann (Converse) Parish, all born in Randolph, Vt.:

ELLEN M. PARISH,⁹ born 16 March 1831; married, by Rev. M. F. Sorenson, at Waupacca, Wis., 24 Nov. 1858, to Winthrop C. Lord of Waupacca. Residence, Waupacca.

✓ HANNAH C. PARISH,⁹ born 23 Sept. 1832; married, 4 March 1856, at Waupacca, Wis., by Bishop Kemper, to George L. Lord of Waupacca. Residence, Waupacca, Wis.
Children:

CARRIE LOUISE LORD,¹⁰ b. 5 Dec. 1856.

IRVING PARISH LORD,¹⁰ b. 10 Oct. 1858.

WALLACE HENRY LORD,¹⁰ b. 1 Jan. 1861.

MATTIE GEORGIANNA LORD,¹⁰ b. 29 Dec. 1862.

ARTHUR KIMBALL LORD,¹⁰ b. 28 Aug. 1864.

DANIEL PARISH,⁹ born 11 April 1834; died 27 Feb. 1852.

MARY ANN PARISH,⁹ born 30 Dec. 1835; married at Waupacca, Wis., 4 March 1856, by Bishop Kemper, to Edward L. Browne of Waupacca; residence, Waupacca.

Children:

PAUL BROWNE,¹⁰ b. 18 Aug. 1858.

DANIEL PARISH BROWNE,¹⁰ b. 22 Nov. 1860.

JENNIE BROWNE,¹⁰ b. 10 Sept. 1863.

EDWARD EVARTS BROWNE,¹⁰ b. 16 Feb. 1868.

BESSIE A. K. PARISH,⁹ born 2 Nov. 1837.

JENNIE PARISH,⁹ born 25 Nov. 1839; died 28 Oct. 1859.

MARTHA H. PARISH,⁹ born 7 Oct. 1841; married, in Jefferson, Texas, 16 Aug. 1865, James T. Rosborough; resided on Upper Red River, Bowie Co., Texas: Children:

MARY CONVERSE ROSBOROUGH,¹⁰ b. 31 Aug. 1866.

THOMAS WEITAKER ROSBOROUGH,¹⁰ b. 7 Sept. 1868.

CAROLINE S. PARISH,⁹ born 26 Oct. 1843; married at Randolph, Vt., by Rev. E. H. Randall, 13 Sept. 1865, to Frederic F. Wheeler of Waupacca, Wis.

Children:

ANNA MAY WHEELER,¹⁰ b. 20 Sept. 1866.

SARAH ELIZABETH WHEELER,¹⁰ b. 21 Aug. 1868.

MARK PARISH⁹ (twin), born 6 Nov. 1845.

LUKE PARISH⁹ (twin), born 6 Nov. 1845.

JOHN KIMBALL PARISH,⁹ born 18 Nov. 1848.

269. HANNAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Israel*⁷(98), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 10 March 1807; married at Randolph, Vt., 2 March 1834, Oliver Egerton, who was born 7 September 1800. He died at Brooklyn, L. I., 23 December 1868.

Children:

GEORGE STEARNS EGERTON,⁹ born in Randolph, Vt., 26 Nov. 1834; married, 1 Oct. 1862, Mrs. Hannah Augusta Kevil.

Children:

ANNIE L. EGERTON,¹⁰ b., in Philadelphia, 15 Aug. 1863.

OLIVER P. EGERTON,¹⁰ b. in Norfolk, Va., 4 March 1865.

KATHARINE E. EGERTON,¹⁰ b. in Norfolk, Va., 28 Feb. 1867.

ANNA LOUISA EGERTON,⁹ born in Randolph, Vt., 26 June 1837; died in Brooklyn, L. I., 20 June 1862.

EMMA FRANCES EGERTON,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 30 March 1840; died in Troy, N. Y., 9 Aug. 1840.

HENRY CLAY EGERTON,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 27 Aug. 1841.

WILLIAM CONVERSE EGERTON,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 15 June 1844; married in Brooklyn, L. I., 4 Sept. 1867, Sarah Augusta Smith, and had WILLIAM CONVERSE EGERTON,¹⁰ Jr., b. 19 June 1868.

JAMES OLIVER EGERTON,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 27 Aug. 1847.

CHARLES EDWARD EGERTON,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 28 Feb. 1850; died 15 Nov. 1851.

270. WILLIAM F. CONVERSE⁸ (*Israel*⁷(98), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 12 June 1812; married, 2 March 1847, Jane Snyder. Residence, Harrison, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Children:

AUGUSTA CONVERSE,⁹ died in childhood.

FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ died in childhood.

OLIVER EGERTON CONVERSE,⁹ born 24 Jan. 1852.

WILLIAM HASSON CONVERSE,⁹ born 29 Jan. 1855.

FREDERICK JAMES CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 Dec. 1857.

ANNA JANE CONVERSE,⁶ born 27 Aug. 1860.

EDITH MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 June 1864.

BERTHA CONVERSE,¹ born 6 Jan. 1867.

271. LUCINDA MARIA CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. James*⁷(99), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 16 October 1804; married, first, in Granville, Ohio, 4 December 1837, Rev. John A. Peters, Baptist minister, who died in Circleville, Ohio, 1 November 1841. She married, second, 4 March 1844, Erwin L. Miner, M.D. They resided in Lithopolis, Fairfield Co., Ohio. Dr. Miner died 8 April 1869, having lived forty-seven years in one house in Lithopolis.

The following account of the Silver Wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Miner, appeared in the Ohio Statesman:

While the imposing ceremonies of the recent Presidential inauguration were being performed at Washington, our usually quiet town of Lithopolis was participating in a festive occasion, more interesting to us than even the events which were transpiring at the same time at our Capital.

The fourth of March, 1869, was the twenty fifth anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Miner, and in honor of their silver wedding day, friends from the cities, and the towns and the country around, and even from remote parts of the Union, gathered to offer their congratulations, and the more substantial tokens of regard. But more valuable than even the precious silver, wrought into useful or quaint and graceful forms, and gleaming in peerless lustre and the various other designs of art, was the sentiment of affection expressed by these beautiful gifts. Among those present were many who had attended the original wedding a quarter of a century before. A table, supplied with every luxury that taste and hospitality could devise, continually entertained the numerous guests.

It was a day of rare enjoyment, replete with pleasant reminiscences, and delightful interchange of thought. How strengthening and encouraging in our pathway are such renewals of old associations, and the assurance of enduring friendships. Such occasions are like the oasis in the desert, refreshing the weary spirits that oftentimes faint under the heavy burdens of life. And now like the traveller across our continent, as he nears the setting sun and stands upon the Sierra Nevada looking back over the long and toilsome way, and forward with bright hopes to the golden shores, so may our friends, who now stand in their life's journey, on the summit of prosperity and domestic happiness, the Sierra of their *pacific union*, look back with pleasant memories to the past and onward with unfaltering trust; while crowned with every earthly blessing, they gently descend to the valley whose golden gates open upon the *peaceful ocean* of eternity.—Lithopolis, March 15, 1869.

OBITUARY.

Doctor E. L. Miner was born June 9, 1797, in Middletown, Vermont. From boyhood he manifested great fondness for books and an irrepressible desire to become a physician—and at a very early age he entered Castleton Medical College as a student; with constant devotion to study he appeared before the learned Professors at the age of 18 years, and underwent a vigorous examination in the various branches of the medical science to the satisfaction of the Faculty, who gave him a unanimous vote, and their certificate to his qualifications to practise medicine, as well as their approval of his moral character. A diploma could not then be conferred on account of his minority. But his Alma Mater did not forget the worth of the young student; but in 1825 they forwarded to him the Diploma of their College as Doctor of Medicine. In 1820, he emigrated to Ohio, and located in Royalton. In 1825 he removed to Lithopolis in Fairfield county, where for more than 30 years he pursued the practice of medicine with eminent success. So deeply he felt his duties that he never refused aid to the poor and penniless, and often clothed and fed them; many of whom now weep over the grave of their benefactor. So genial was his nature — so quiet and unobtrusive his intercourse with society that all who knew him well loved and respected him. He died April 8, 1869, without leaving one enemy on earth. His life was that of the just and good. He rests in peace.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY LITHOPOLIS LODGE, No. 169, F. & A.M. OF LITHOPOLIS, OHIO, APRIL 23, 1869.

WHEREAS, At a special meeting of Lithopolis Lodge, No. 169, F. A. M. held at their hall on the 12th inst., for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of our late Brother Dr. Erwin L. Miner, that of following them to their resting place, your committee was appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of our esteemed brother, and,

WHEREAS, Our late brother, Dr. Erwin L. Miner, being the oldest Mason in our Lodge, having been a Mason over 51 years, he receiving the degree in Middletown, Vt., in the year 1818; and,

WHEREAS, His having been a resident of Ohio since 1820, and of this town since 1825, and being one of the Charter members of this Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Architect of the universe in His divine wisdom to permit to be called suddenly from this life our esteemed and valued brother, Dr. Erwin L. Miner, on April 8, 1869, thereby severing a link from our brotherhood. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of brother Miner, the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, have lost not only a friend, but a bright and efficient member, whose memory will be cherished as having preserved the ancient landmarks of the fraternity, by word and deed, zealous for the good of the craft, in intercourse kind, courteous and affable.

Resolved, That those in the community who sought his advice and counsel when needy and in destitute circumstances, will remember with thankful hearts his gratuitous services generously tended them whenever needed.

Resolved, That society has lost a member whose unimpeachable integrity, pure morality and exalted character commend the example of his life as eminently worthy of imitation.

Resolved, That while we drop the tear emanating from the fountain of love and friendship over the grave of our deceased Brother, we most truly, deeply and affectionately sympathize with those of his relations and friends who are more nearly related by the ties of consanguinity and who are most heart-stricken in the sad bereavement we have all sustained.

Resolved, That this Lodge be draped in mourning for the period of sixty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and be entered on the Minutes of the Lodge, and that they be forwarded to the County Papers for publication.

GEO. B. CUSTER,	}	Committee.
W. T. CONKLIN,		
AARON TEEGARDIN,		
C. W. SPEAKS,		
GEO. S. COURTWRIGHT.		

Children of John A. and Lucinda Maria (Converse) Peters:

GEORGE CONVERSE PETERS,⁹ born 13 Nov. 1838; died 10 Aug. 1839.

CYNTHIA ANN PETERS,⁹ born 7 Feb. 1841; died 20 Jan. 1842.

Daughter of Dr. Erwin L. and Lucinda Maria (Converse) Miner:

ELVIRA CONVERSE MINER,⁹ born 6 Nov. 1845.

272. JAMES WILLARD CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. James*⁷ (99), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1 July 1806; died in Northampton, Mass., 8 September 1892. He removed from Portage Co., Ohio, to Northampton, Mass., in September 1866; married, first, 1 January 1827, Emily Eggleston, who was born in Aurora, Ohio, 14 April 1808, died in Maumee City, Ohio, 3 April 1848, daughter of Capt. Joseph Eggleston; married, second, Sarah Catline; married, third, Angeline E. Shelden.

Children of James Willard and Emily (Eggleston) Converse:

JAMES CONVERSE,⁹ MAJOR, born in Aurora, Ohio, 21 Sept. 1828; married Martha E. Allen. (431)

NELSON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Aurora, Ohio, 11 Jan. 1830; married in Newton Falls, Ohio, 16 April 1858, Sarah L. Parker; resided in Ravenna, Ohio, and had two sons, viz:

BENJAMIN P. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Rootstown, Ohio, 5 Jan. 1859.

EDWARD H. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Rootstown, Ohio, 9 Oct. 1866.

HARRIET M. CONVERSE,⁹ born 4 Jan. 1833.

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 June 1837; died 9 Oct. 1838.

HENRY CLAY CONVERSE,⁹ born 12 Sept. 1844; died 12 Sept. 1849.

273. ELIAS SMITH CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. James*⁷ (99), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 30 September 1808; died at Mantua, Ohio, 31 October 1868; married, first, 30 April 1830, Eunice M. Ladd, who was born 17 December 1809; married, second, Mercy Ann Blair; married, third, Tryphona Blair.

Children of Elias Smith and Eunice M. (Ladd) Converse:

GEORGE BURT CONVERSE,⁹ born at Mantua, Ohio, 3 Feb. 1831; married at Auburn, Ohio, 14 Jan. 1854, to Sallie A. Redfield, who was born at Auburn, Ohio, 24 Jan. 1836.

Children:

CHARLES J. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 15 May 1860.

WILLIAM E. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 6 June 1862; d. in infancy.

LUCIUS FAIRCHILD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., 17 Nov. 1868, at Youngstown, Ohio.

MARY L. CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 Aug. 1833; married John B. Hatfield, Superintendent of U. S. Arsenal at Indianapolis, Ind.

Children:

WILLIAM HATFIELD.¹⁰

MINNIE HATFIELD.¹⁰

EDWARD PATSON CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 Nov. 1837; died, unmarried, 1 May 1865, at Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio, in the U. S. Army.

Children of Elias Smith and Mercy Ann (Blair) Converse:

HENRY H. CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 July 1841; married, 10 Jan. 1865, Arcelia J. Hermon, and had son, FRANK HERMON CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 25 Oct. 1867, and another son born 1 March 1869.

EUNICE MARIA CONVERSE,⁹ born 17 May 1847; died 13 June 1847.

Daughter of Elias Smith and Tryphona (Blair) Converse:

HARRIET ANN CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 Feb. 1851.

274. HORATIO NELSON CONVERSE⁸ (*Dr. James*⁷(99), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in East Randolph, Vt., 4 April 1811; married, first, in Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio, 14 August 1833, Mary Ann Foster, who was born in Providence, R. I., 3 November 1813, and died in Lochbourne, Franklin Co., Ohio, 5 February 1854. He married, second, in Rootstown, Portage Co., Ohio, 1 August 1860, Hannah Post, who was born in Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y., 30 November 1835.

Child of Horatio Nelson and Mary Ann (Foster) Converse:

HORATIO N. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Sandusky City, Huron Co., Ohio, 16 Sept. 1836; died in Parkman, Geauga Co., Ohio, 11 Aug. 1837.

Children of Horatio Nelson and Hannah (Post) Converse:

HELEN LUCINDA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Brighton, Wacupa (P) Co., Ohio, 13 June 1862.

ERWIN MINER CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 March 1864.

ALICE ANNETTE CONVERSE,⁹ born 18 Feb. 1866.

CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 Sept. 1868.

275. CORNELIA CONVERSE⁸ (*Porter*⁷(100), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 7 January 1812; died in Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio, in May 1857; married,

in Unionville, in 1838, Rev. Alanson Saunders, who was from Warren, Litchfield Co., Conn., a graduate of Yale College, a clergyman. He died in Unionville, 5 November 1853, aged 57.

Children:

MERVILLE L. SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Middlebury, Summit Co., Ohio, 28 April 1839; residence (1869), Painesville, Ohio; married, 4 Jan. 1865, Phoebe Osgood, and had CORNELIA MAY SAUNDERS,¹⁰ b. in Painesville, Ohio, 16 Oct. 1865, and ARTHUR SAUNDERS,¹⁰ b. in Cleveland, Ohio.

CORNELIA H. SAUNDERS,⁹ born 14 March 1841; in 1869 a teacher in the Akron High School. EDWARD WADE SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Geneva, Ohio, in 1843; died in infancy.

EDWARD NELSON SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Geneva, Ohio, 26 April 1845; residence (1869), Cleveland, Ohio.

SARAH R. SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio, 10 June 1847; in 1869 teaching in Cleveland, Ohio.

SELENDIA M. SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Rome, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 3 Dec. 1849; married, 2 Dec. 1868, Charles Sherwood of Ithaca, N. Y.

ARNOLD CONVERSE SAUNDERS,⁹ born in Rome, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 29 May 1852; residence 1869, Cleveland, Ohio.

276. SAMANTHA MARIA CONVERSE⁹ (*Porter*⁷(100), *Col. Israel*,⁸ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 3 April 1813; died 16 April 1897, in Ashville, N. C.; buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. She married, 10 September 1835, Leonard Hanna, M.D., who was born in Ohio, 4 March 1806, and who died in Cleveland, Ohio, 15 December 1862, son of Benjamin and Rachel Hanna. Dr. and Mrs. Hanna lived in New Lisbon, Ohio, until 1852, when they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived until death. Dr. Leonard Hanna received his medical education in Philadelphia, Pa. After moving to Cleveland, he gave up his practice, and went into business, but lived only a short time.

Children of Dr. Leonard and Samantha Maria (Converse) Hanna:

HELEN GERTRUDE HANNA,⁹ born in New Lisbon, Ohio, 17 July 1836; died, in New York City, 28 Nov. 1891; married in Cleveland, Ohio, 7 Aug. 1862, Henry S. Hubbell, of Buffalo, N. Y. No children.

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA,⁹ HON., born in New Lisbon, Ohio, 24 Sept. 1837; died in Washington, D. C., 16 Feb. 1904; U. S. Senator from Ohio. Residence, Cleveland, Ohio. He married, 27 Sept. 1864, Charlotte Augusta Rhodes, daughter of D. P. Rhodes of Cleveland.

Children:

DANIEL RHODES HANNA,¹⁰ MRS. MABEL AUGUSTA HANNA PARSONS,¹⁰ and MRS. RUTH HANNA MCCORMICK.

HOWARD MELVILLE HANNA,⁹ born, in New Lisbon, 23 Jan. 1840; residence, Cleveland, Ohio; married in Hartford, Conn., 28 Dec. 1863, Kate Smith of Hartford, Conn.

Three of their children died in infancy. The others are: MRS. MARY GERTRUDE HANNA HASKELL;¹⁰ MRS. KATE BENEDICT HANNA IRELAND;¹⁰ HOWARD MELLVILLE HANNA,¹⁰ JR.

SALOME MARIA HANNA,⁹ born, in New Lisbon, 17 May 1844; married, 1st, 10 Sept. 1868, George Washington Chapin, of New Hartford, Conn., who died in Johnstown, Pa., 10 Aug. 1884, aged 47. Two children were born to them, viz: HENRY HUBBELL CHAPIN,¹⁰ who died at twelve, and CHARLES MERRILL CHAPIN.¹⁰ Mrs. Chapin married, 2nd, 23 June 1886, Jay Wyman Jones, of Englewood, N. J.

SEVILLE SAMANTHA HANNA,⁹ born, in New Lisbon, 30 March 1846; married, 1st, 15 Sept. 1887, Col. James Pichands of Cleveland, Ohio, who died 14 July 1896, and she married, 2nd, Jay C. Morse of Cleveland. No children.

LEONARD COLTON HANNA,⁹ born, in New Lisbon, 30 Nov. 1850; married, 17 May 1876, Fanny Wilson Mann, of Buffalo, N. Y., who died in Cleveland, Ohio, 11 July 1885. They had two children: JEAN CLAIRE HANNA,¹⁰ and FANNY WEBER HANNA.¹⁰ Leonard Colton Hanna married, 2nd, 17 Oct. 1888, Coralie Walker of Richmond, Ky., and they have one son, LEONARD HANNA.¹⁰

LILLIAN CONVERSE HANNA,⁹ born in Cleveland, Ohio, 3 Dec. 1852; married, 15 Feb. 1898 Samuel Prentiss Baldwin of Cleveland, Ohio, attorney-at-law. No children.

277. LYSANDER P. CONVERSE⁸ (*Porter*⁷(100), *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*, *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 23 February 1816; married in Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio, 23 November 1842, Sally M. Tappen, who was born 24 August 1819, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Tappen. He removed from Ohio to Kansas in 1849, and to Wyandotte, Kansas, between 1857 and 1860; in 1869 was mail agent on the Kansas Pacific R. R. between Wyandotte and Sheridan. After 1863 he resided in Kansas City.

Children of Lysander P. and Sally M. (Tappen) Converse:

EMMA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 3 Oct. 1843; married — Hallet, of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

WIRT B. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 23 April 1845; farmer.

WILLIAM F. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 12 March 1847; engineer K. P. R. R.; commenced work on the first locomotive west of the Missouri River in 1863, and had full charge as engineer at nineteen years of age.

WILLIS I. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 16 June 1849; in employ of K. P. R. R.

WALDO T. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 28 Aug. 1850.

ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 24 Sept. 1852.

ESTELLE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Unionville, Ohio, 26 Oct. 1854.

EDITH MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Woodstock, Ill., 18 Sept. 1857.

FLORENCE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Kansas, 13 Dec. 1860; died 24 June 1863.

278. EPHRAIM CONVERSE⁸ (*El*⁷(105), *Jesse*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 5 February 1791; died July 1866; married Mary Bugbee of Windsor, Vt.

Children:

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁹ married — Popo. (132)

GEORGE CONVERSE.⁹

MARY JANE CONVERSE.⁹

279. JOSEPH PRIDE CONVERSE⁸ (*Eli*⁷(105), *Jesse*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 2 November 1800; married, first, Sally Ann Abbe, of Enfield, Conn., and, second, Mary Cornish of Granby, Conn.

Children of Joseph Pride and Sally Ann (Abbe) Converse:

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ died.

JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁹ died, unmarried.

HENRY H. CONVERSE.⁹

HORATIO A. CONVERSE,⁹ had ELI CONVERSE,¹⁰ died at 21, and MARY ELIZABETH CONVERSE.¹⁰

Child of Joseph Pride and Mary (Cornish) Converse:

SARAH CONVERSE.⁹

280. HANNIBAL ALDEN CONVERSE⁸ (*Eli*⁷(105), *Jesse*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 9 April 1807; member of firm of H. A. Converse & Co., iron founders, of Windsor Locks, Conn.; married Julia A. Ferry of Stafford, Conn.

Children:

MARY P. CONVERSE,⁹ married Charles H. McMastin, and died without issue.

ALFRED W. CONVERSE,⁹ of Windsor Locks, Conn.; member of Connecticut House of Representatives, and Committee on Banks in Connecticut; married Julia Orcutt of Stafford, Conn. They had, before 1869, three children, viz:

IDA G. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. about 1858.

JOSIE CONVERSE,¹⁰ d. in 1867, aged 17 months.

MYRTIE B. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. about 1868.

JOSEPH H. CONVERSE,⁹ MAJOR, served in the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion, Major of the 11th Connecticut Volunteers, and A. A. Inspector General on Gen. Martindale's staff. Killed, at Cold Harbor, 3 June 1864.

JULIA E. CONVERSE,⁹ married Vashin Warner.

CLARISSA A. CONVERSE,⁹ married Dr. S. R. Burnap.

281. AUGUSTUS LAWRENCE CONVERSE⁸ (*John*⁷ (107), *Nathaniel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Norwich, Conn., 21 November 1798; died 21 March 1860; married, first, 26 May 1825, Mary Ann Kellogg, who was born 2 May 1805, and died 9 January 1848. Her father was Daniel Kellogg born 19 April 1780, died 4 May 1836. Her mother was born Laura Hyde, 22 March 1786, died 31 December 1846.

Augustus Lawrence Converse married, second, 15 January 1849, Mrs. Marion de Veaux.

Children of Augustus Lawrence and Mary Ann (Kellogg) Converse:

MARY ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ died 14 Dec. 1826.

KATHARINE KELLOGG CONVERSE,⁹ born 3 July 1827; married, in Statesburg, So. Carolina, 2 May 1844, John W. Frierson, who was born 21 Feb. 1818, died 19 Feb. 1887, son of John J. Frierson, born June 1792, died Nov. 1830 and Julia F. (Vaughn) Frierson born 20 April 1796, died 10 April 1880. Children:

AUGUSTUS CONVERSE FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 25 June 1845; d. 29 July 1864.

MARY KELLOGG FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 12 July 1846; m., 27 Nov. 1872, John Reid.

HENRY VAUGHN FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 3 Dec. 1847; d. 8 Jan. 1948.

JAMES JULIAN FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 9 June 1849; d. 16 Feb. 1891; m., 29 May 1872, Elizabeth Nelson.

JULIA FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 9 June 1850; m., 6 Dec. 1871, William W. Anderson.

KATE CONVERSE FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 8 Aug. 1851; d. 5 April 1884.

JOHN TEMPLE FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 14 Jan. 1853; m., 29 Dec. 1875, Elizabeth V. Murray.

CLARA CONVERSE FRIERSON,¹⁰ b. 20 June 1864; m., 10 Oct. 1888, James Reynolds, who died Nov. 1895.

282. JOHN ADAMS CONVERSE⁹ (*John*⁷(107), *Nathaniel*,⁸ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁸ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,³ *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Quincy, Mass., 15 November 1803; died 4 May 1886; married, 21 November 1827, Clarissa Jones Butler, who was born 4 October 1805; died 27 August 1847. Mrs. Converse was the daughter of Rev. David Butler, rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, New York, born 19 July 1762, and Chloe (Jones) Butler, born 11 March 1763, died 10 March 1840.

Children of John Adams and Clarissa Jones (Butler) Converse:

WILLIAM BUTLER CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 Sept. 1828; died 19 Dec. 1868.

ELIZABETH BACKUS CONVERSE,⁹ b. 11 Jan. 1830; died 30 March 1831.

CLARISSA BUTLER CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 Aug. 1831; died 24 July 1833.

HELEN AUGUSTA CONVERSE,⁹ born 19 Oct. 1834; married, in Montreal, P. Q., 31 Oct. 1855, W. Markland Molson, a prominent banker of Montreal.

Children:

HARRY MARKLAND MOLSON,¹⁰ b. 9 Aug. 1856.

BERTHA HELEN MOLSON,¹⁰ b. 29 April 1858; d. 14 Dec. 1859.

FREDERICK WILLIAM MOLSON,¹⁰ b. 7 Sept. 1860; m. Katherine Stewart.

ALICE CLARISSA MOLSON,¹⁰ b. 21 Aug. 1862; d. 28 June 1863.

MARY FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 June 1836; died Sept. 1836.

JULIA FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ born 31 March 1838; married, 1st, 31 Oct. 1855, William L. Morris, who died 14 Nov. 1884; married, 2nd, 1 Sept. 1886, Edwyn Evans.

Children of William L. and Julia Frances (Converse) Morris:

ALEXANDER WEBB MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 2 Oct. 1856; m. in Montreal, P. Q., 24 July 1879, Florence W. Rennie.

FRANK CONVERSE MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 7 Feb. 1859; d. 6 July 1875.

CHARLES BEVERLY MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 28 April 1862.

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JOHN CONVERSE,⁹ born 12 April 1839; married in Montreal, P. Q. 8 June 1865, Helen McCulloch. Their son, CHARLES PERCIVAL CONVERSE,¹⁰ was born 7 March 1866, and, in 1902, is residing in Chicago, Ill., where he is in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the office of the General Agent Freight Department. He married in Montreal, P. Q., 2 July 1891, Ethel Wurtele. They have one son, JOHN PEREVAL CONVERSE,¹¹ born 18 May 1892.

CLARA CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 July 1841; died 7 March 1869.

AUGUSTUS CONVERSE,⁹ born 14 Dec. 1844; married, 1 June 1871, Jane F. McEvenue.

Children:

WILLIAM BERNARD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 13 March 1872.

CLARA TEMPLE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 4 Dec. 1873; d. 4 Dec. 1877.

AUGUSTUS WYNDHAM CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 21 March 1877.

BERTHA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 4 July 1879; d. 1900.

JOHN REGINALD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 8 July 1881.

ALEXANDER CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 19 Jan. 1884; d. 2 May 1885.

HELEN AUGUSTA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 Feb. 1886.

CONSTANCE CONVERSE.¹⁰

FREDERICK LAWRENCE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 30 Jan. 1891.

ARTHUR BUTLER CONVERSE.¹⁰

283. JULIA FRANCES CONVERSE⁹ (*John*⁹(107), *Nathaniel*⁹, *Lieut. Josiah*⁹, *Capt. Josiah*⁹, *Maj. James*⁹, *Lieut. James*⁹, *Deacon Edward*⁹), born in Troy, N. Y., 31 October 1807; died August 1889; married, in Troy, 8 March 1831, by Rev. David Butler, to Walter W. Webb, who was born 19 April 1798, died 11 May 1876; son of Gen. Samuel Blachley and Catherine (Hogeboom) Webb. Gen. Samuel Blachley Webb was born in Wethersfield, Conn., 15 December 1753; died in Claverack, N. Y., 3 December 1807; he was the son of Joseph Webb, whose wife, Mehitable, daughter of Capt. Gershom Nott, married, second, Silas Deane of Connecticut and died 13 October 1767. Silas Deane was the guardian of young Webb and gave him every advantage his position and fortune afforded. Upon receipt of news of the battle of Lexington, Samuel Blachley Webb hastened to Boston in command of a company and was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill where he was wounded. He was appointed aide to Gen. Israel Putnam and 21 June 1776 was appointed private secretary and aide-de-camp to General Washington with the rank of Lieutenant-colonel. He was wounded at White Plains and at Trenton. He raised, organized, and equipped at his own expense, the 3d Connecticut regiment and assumed command in 1777, but with his command was captured by the British fleet 10 December 1777, and was not exchanged until 1780 when he took command of the light infantry with brevet rank of Brigadier-general. In 1783 he was one of the founders of the Society of the Cincinnati. He married Catherine, born 1768, died 14 October 1805, daughter of Judge Stephen Hogeboom. Judge

Hogeboom was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1801, and State Senator 1805-1808. He was the eldest son of Johannes and Albertie (Van Alen) Hogeboom, and grandson of Killian Hogeboom who migrated from Holland and settled in Claverack.

The life of Samuel Blachley Webb is illustrated by his Correspondence and Journal, edited by Worthington C. Ford and published in three volumes by William Seward Webb, a grandson, the son of James Watson Webb, soldier, journalist and statesman. The line of descent of Walter Webb is as follows Richard Webb¹ of Stamford, Conn., Joseph Webb² (who married Hannah Scofield), Joseph Webb³ (who married Mary daughter of Benjamin Hait), Joseph Webb⁴ (who married Sarah Blachley), Joseph Webb,⁵ Samuel Blachley Webb,⁶ Walter W. Webb.⁷

Children of Walter W. and Julia Frances (Converse) Webb:

- ELIZABETH BACKUS WEBB,⁸ born 7 Dec. 1831; died 12 Aug. 1832.
- JOHN CONVERSE WEBB,⁹ born 12 April 1833; died 23 Oct. 1836.
- JAMES WATSON WEBB,⁹ born 3 Sept. 1834; died 7 April 1866.
- WALTER W. WEBB,⁹ JR., born 22 Oct. 1835; died 2 May 1872; married in Galena, Ill., 8 March 1859, Hattie M. Souland.
- FRANCES CONVERSE WEBB,⁹ born 7 Feb. 1837; married in St. Paul, Minn., 18 Aug. 1870, Andrew B. Patterson, who died 19 March 1876.
- AUGUSTUS CONVERSE WEBB,⁹ born 1 Nov. 1839; died 27 March 1840.
- JOHN CONVERSE WEBB,⁹ 2nd, born 6 Sept. 1842; died 22 Jan. 1887; married in Washington, D. C., 26 June 1866, Betty Duval.
- AUGUSTUS CONVERSE WEBB, 2nd,⁹ born 1 Oct. 1848; died 18 March 1849.

284. SEMPHRONIA ANTOINETTE CONVERSE⁸ (*John*⁷(107), *Nathaniel*⁶, *Lieut. Josiah*⁵, *Capt. Josiah*⁴, *Maj. James*³, *Lieut. James*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Troy, N. Y., 2 March 1811; died 22 August 1879; married, in Troy, by Rev. David Butler, 13 November 1834, to Francis Morgan, who was born 25 August 1805, and died 26 January 1864. His father, Archippus Morgan, was born 17 May 1772, and died 19 September 1857. His mother was Pamela Taylor, born 17 November 1779; married 25 September 1800, and died 29 March 1867.

Children of Francis and Semphronia Antoinette (Converse) Morgan:

- FRANCES WEBB MORGAN,⁹ born 24 Dec. 1835; married, 1st, in New York, 9 June 1863, George Anson Starkweather, Jr., who died 20 Nov. 1883; married, 2nd, in New York, Nov. 1886, Robert Stewart Webb.
- JOHN CONVERSE MORGAN,⁹ born 22 June 1837; died 23 Feb. 1838.
- HENRY JAMES MORGAN,⁹ born 12 Oct. 1839; married in Washington, D. C., 4 Nov. 1869, Harriet Hogan.
- AUGUSTUS CONVERSE MORGAN,⁹ born 23 Dec. 1840; died 26 Jan. 1842.
- ANTOINETTE CONVERSE MORGAN,⁹ born 27 Oct. 1842; died 5 July 1843.

JESSY ANTOINETTE MORGAN,⁹ born 1 April 1846; married, in New York, 3 June 1874, Edward W. Ashley.

FRANCIS HOMER MORGAN,⁹ born 18 Sept. 1847; died 5 May 1848.

ALEXANDER CONVERSE MORGAN,⁹ born, 1 July 1849; married, in New York, 16 Nov. 1881, Mary West Le Coney.

DAUGHTER,⁹ born 21 Sept. 1851; died 22 Sept. 1851.

285. HARRIET MUNRO CONVERS⁹ (*Daniel*⁷ (120), *Sergeant Benjamin*,⁹ *Ensign James*,⁹ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁹ *Sergeant Samuel*,⁹ *Deacon Edward*¹¹), married, 6 June 1820, by Rev. David Young of Zanesville, Ohio, to General Charles Backus Goddard, who died in Zanesville in 1864. In Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio is a biographical sketch of him, which states that he was an able lawyer, and an associate of Chase, Stanberry, Vinton and the elder Ewing. He came to Zanesville, in 1817, from Norwich, Conn. He was the eldest son of Judge Calvin Goddard, mayor of Norwich, and member of Congress. His mother was the daughter of Rev. Levi Hart of Preston, Conn.

Children of General Charles Backus and Harriet Munro (Convers) Goddard:

CALVIN GODDARD,⁹ died in infancy.

DANIEL CONVERS GODDARD,⁹ died in Washington, D. C., Nov. 1852; married, 30 May 1846, by the pastor of St. Matthew's R. C. Church, Washington, D. C., to Sarah Madeline Vinton, daughter of Hon. Samuel F. Vinton.

Children:

ROMAINE MADELEINE GODDARD,¹⁰ m. Baron Gustav von Overbeck; had children:

GUSTAV CONVERS VON OVERBECK.¹¹

OSCAR KARL MARIA VON OVERBECK.¹¹

ALFRED VON OVERBECK.¹¹

VINTON GODDARD.¹⁰

GEORGE EDWARD GODDARD,⁹ unmarried; residence, San Francisco, Cal

SARAH MUNRO GODDARD,⁹ married, 3 Dec. 1846, by Rev. William A. Smallwood, Rector of St. James Church, Zanesville, to Ezra Eastman. Children:

HARRIET CONVERS GODDARD EASTMAN,¹⁰ m. David Porter.

MARY DUNCAN EASTMAN.¹⁰

EDITH VIOLET EASTMAN.¹⁰

HENRY NEVILL EASTMAN,¹⁰ m. Lily Jones. Children: CATHERINE EASTMAN,¹¹

VINTON EASTMAN,¹¹ HARRIET EASTMAN.¹¹

THOMAS EWING GODDARD,⁹ died in infancy.

ELIZABETH GORDON GODDARD,⁹ resided in Norfolk, Va., in 1899.

ALICE COGSWELL GODDARD,⁹ married, 3 Jan. 1856, by Rt. Rev. Charles Pettit McIlvaine, Bishop of Ohio, to John Delafield DuBois of Charleston, Kanawha Co., W. Va.

Children:

CONSTANCE GODDARD DUBOIS.¹⁰

CORNELIUS DU BOIS,¹⁰ m. Clara Reading, and had: ALICE DU BOIS,¹¹ NORMAN DU BOIS,¹¹ ETHEL DU BOIS.¹¹

MADELINE DU BOIS,¹⁰ m. Thomas E. Jeffries, and had LOUIS GODWIN JEFFRIES.¹¹

MARY DELAFIELD DU BOIS.¹⁰

CHARLES GODDARD DU BOIS.¹⁰

EDWARD GODDARD,⁹ died in infancy.

HARRIET GODDARD,⁹ died in infancy.

CHARLES CONVERS GODDARD,⁹ attorney at Zanesville, Ohio; married, 26 July 1877, by Rev. J. F. Ohl, of St. James Church, Zanesville, to Anna Jewett. Children: ALICE GORDON GODDARD,¹⁰ CONVERS GODDARD,¹⁰ THOMAS JEWETT GODDARD.¹⁰

MARGARET AUGUSTA GODDARD,⁹ married, by Bishop McIlvaine, to Robert Singleton Peabody of Rutland, Vt. Their son, CHARLES PEABODY,¹⁰ m. Jeannette Belo and had daughters: JEANNETTE PEABODY,¹¹ and MARGARET PEABODY.¹¹

JULIA GODDARD,⁹ married, 6 June 1870, by Rev. J. F. Ohl, rector of St. James Church, Zanesville, Ohio, to Morris Ketchum King. [Children: GEORGIANA GODDARD KING,¹⁰ ELLA KING,¹⁰ MARGARET GODDARD KING,¹⁰ JOHN STEARNS KING.¹⁰

286. JUDGE CHARLES CLEVELAND CONVERS⁹ (*Daniel*⁷ (120), *Sergeant Benjamin*,⁶ *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Zanesville, Ohio, 26 July 1810; died there 20 September 1860; married, in Zanesville, 14 April 1839, Catherine Buckingham, who was born in Zanesville, 19 April 1819, daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice (Hale) Buckingham. She died 12 June 1872 in New York City, whither she had removed from Zanesville in 1868. Her father, Ebenezer Buckingham (born February 1778, died 21 August 1832), assisted Rufus Putnam, Surveyor General, in surveying the territory northwest of the Ohio River. Her mother was a native of Glastenbury, Conn.; born 22 October 1792, died at Zanesville 28 February 1843. In Henry Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio, is a sketch of Ebenezer Buckingham. He was of the firm of E. B. Buckingham & Co. of Zanesville, one of the foremost and most widely known firms in the West. After graduation from the Ohio University, Charles Cleveland Convers attended the Law School of Harvard University, where he enjoyed the society and friendship of Charles Sumner and of Benjamin R. Curtis, later a justice of the United States Supreme Court. He was a lifelong resident of Zanesville, where he practised his profession until 1854, when he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. In 1855, he was chosen a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Children of Judge Charles Cleveland and Catherine (Buckingham) Convers:

EBENEZER BUCKINGHAM CONVERS,⁹ born in Zanesville, Ohio, 14 Sept. 1840; was graduated from Yale University in 1861, and from Columbia University Law School in 1866; removed to New York City, in 1861, and to Englewood, N. J., in 1872; admitted to New York and Federal Bar in 1865; married in Columbus, Ohio, 8 Oct. 1868, Jane Gwynne Andrews, daughter of John Whiting Andrews. Her father was born at Wallingford, Conn., 6 Feb. 1811, was graduated from Yale University in 1830, resided at Columbus, Ohio, and died at Englewood, N. J., 29 Oct. 1893. Her mother,

Lavinia (Gwynne) Andrews, born near London, Ohio, 19 Oct. 1816, married 8 Oct. 1835, and died at Englewood, N. J., 11 Jan. 1898.

CATHERINE BUCKINGHAM CONVERS,⁹ born at Zanesville, Ohio, 4 Oct. 1844; died 2 Oct. 1887; married William Walton Woolsey. (433)

ALICE CONVERS,⁹ born in Zanesville, Ohio, 25 Aug. 1848; removed to Englewood, N. J., 1872.

CLARA BUCKINGHAM CONVERS,⁹ born in Zanesville, Ohio, 19 Jan. 1853; removed to Englewood, N. J., 1872.

287. DANIEL CAMDEN CONVERS⁸ (*Daniel*⁷(120), *Sergeant Benjamin*,⁶ *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), resided in Zanesville, Ohio; married, first, Rebecca Aspinwall Van Beuren; married, second, in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1852, by Rev. Wm. A. Smallwood, to Julia Parkhurst, who now (1900), resides in Vineland, N. J., where she is a member of Trinity P. E. Church.

Children of Daniel Camden and Rebecca Aspinwall (Van Beuren) Convers:

ELIZABETH ASPINWALL CONVERS,⁹ born in Newark, Ohio, 6 Sept. 1839; was graduated at Zanesville, Ohio, High School, in 1857. Since 1891 she has resided in Vineland, N. J., where she is a member of Trinity P. E. Church. Not married.

EDWARD STANBERRY CONVERS,⁹ of Chicago.

CHARLES GODDARD CONVERS,⁹ born in Zanesville, Ohio, 17 March 1845; attorney at law; in 1900, resided in Hot Springs, Ark., where he was Treasurer, Manager and Purchasing Agent of the Hot Springs Street Railroad Company.

FRANCIS BERGER CONVERS.⁹

Child of Daniel Camden and Julia (Parkhurst) Convers:

GEORGE GODDARD CONVERS,⁹ resided in 1899 and 1900 in So. Bethlehem, Pa., where he was connected with the Lehigh Zinc and Iron Co., and the New Jersey Zinc Co. of Pennsylvania.

288. ALBERT PORTER CONVERS⁸ (*Asa Wright*⁷(121), *Sergeant Benjamin*,⁶ *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Baton Rouge, La., in 1822; died 25 April, 1890; married in Baton Rouge, in 1846, by Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, to Mrs. Margaret (Henderson) Dewey, widow of Oran Dewey. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, 20 April 1820, died in Baker, La., 31 December 1898, daughter of John and Helen (Clow) Henderson of Glasgow, Scotland.

The following is from the issue of the Baton Rouge Truth of 2 May 1890:

On Saturday morning last this community was greatly shocked and deeply grieved by the startling announcement that Mr. A. P. Convers, an old and time-honored citizen living near Baker, in the third ward, had been run over and instantly killed by an engine of the Mississippi Valley Railroad on Friday night.

From what we could learn, Mr. Convers started to walk along the track from the store at Baker to his residence a short distance therefrom. He was accompanied by his son, a grown man. When the journey was about half made they were startled by hearing a train almost upon them. The son shouted to the father to jump from the track, but too late; the old gentleman was struck and instantly killed. The train was one of the many now at work along the line and was altogether unlooked for. The deceased was raised in Baton Rouge and was at one time one of our best known citizens. In early life he learned the art of type setting, and followed that business for some years. He was a gentleman of intelligence and culture and a writer of no small merit. His wife was a sister of Mr. George Henderson. Truth tenders its sincerest sympathy to the grief-stricken family and friends.

Mrs. Albert P. Convers, *née* Henderson, departed this life at her home in Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish, La., December 31, 1898, aged 78 years, 8 months and eleven days.

The deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and was in her fourteenth year when she came with her relatives to this country. She had resided in this parish and in the parish of West Feliciana during the past sixty-five years, and was a half sister of the late Stephen Henderson and a full sister of the late George and Henry Henderson and aunt of Gardere, Stephen and Robert Henderson, and of Miss Zelia Henderson, the late Mrs. Van Winkle, Miss Mary Convers, Mrs. Green Davis, Mrs. T. R. Brady, Mrs. Belle Dunbar and Mrs. H. F. Hausey. She had been twice married. Her first husband was a Mr. Stephen Dewey. Two children blessed this union, the late Stephen Dewey, Jr., and Miss Helen Dewey, who married and moved to another State. She survived these children.

She married Mr. A. P. Convers who was associated with Mr. Gardere Henderson in the editorial department and proprietorship of the Baton Rouge Gazette. Having severed his connection with the Gazette, Mr. Convers, in 1854, moved with his wife to their beautiful plantation home, Elm Park, in the parish of West Feliciana, where they resided until 1866. Elm Park was one of the finest estates in the parish. The results of the civil war fell heavily upon Mr. and Mrs. Convers, as upon every one owning large and valuable estates, and though the trial was a hard one to them they gave up their beautiful home and returned to East Baton Rouge where they located upon a modest farm and lived a comfortable, happy and quiet life.

Mrs. Convers survived her husband several years and at the close of her long and useful years she left a son, Hon. Albert W. Convers Mayor of the town of Zachary, and a daughter, Mrs. A. Doolittle, to mourn her departure. (Capital Item, Baton Rouge, La., 11 Feb. 1899.)

The following letter signed Stephen H. Alison, appeared in the Capital Item of 18 March 1899, under the caption MRS. ALBERT PORTER CONVERS:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 6, 1899.

Editor Capital Item:

In your issue of February 11th, last, you published an appreciative obituary notice of the above-named lady, which, while mainly correct, contains one or two slight inaccuracies and omissions, and as the deceased lady has numerous relations in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Zachary, all in this State, also in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, it may be interesting to make a few corrections and additions by way of supplement to the notice of "A Friend."

My mother, Caroline Eugenia Henderson, who died in Glasgow, Scotland, about fifteen years ago, was a daughter of Col. Stephen Henderson, of Baton Rouge, and niece of Mrs. Convers, although her name is omitted from the notice while that of her surviving sisters is mentioned, probably due to a lapse of memory on the part of the friendly writer.

My mother was, moreover, doubly related to the deceased lady, inasmuch as she married Mr. Robert Alison, of Glasgow, Scotland, in New Orleans, he being a nephew to Mrs. Convers who was the younger sister of his mother. Mrs. Convers was my great aunt both by my father's and my mother's side, and when I visited her two years ago on first coming to settle in Louisiana, my mother's native State, the old lady was full of inquiries about her Scottish relations, and told me many an interesting anecdote regarding them.

I may mention that the deceased lady was over fourteen when she came to this country, being, as she told me, about seventeen or eighteen at the time. The name of her first husband was Mr. Oran Dewey, not Stephen Dewey, as stated, that being the name of her son. I do not know whether or not they were any relation of Admiral Dewey's family.

Mrs. Convers did not belong to the Presbyterian Church, but, like my mother, was an adherent of the Christian Church founded by Rev. Alexander Campbell, and sometimes known as the "Campbellites."

Otherwise, the notice written by "A Friend" is both appreciative and accurate.

Children of Albert Porter and Margaret (Henderson) Convers:

MARY ANNA CONVERS,⁹ born in Baton Rouge, La., 11 Dec. 1849; died at Hope Villa, La., 28 July 1889; married in 1871 to Robert B. Ligon, Jr., of Summit, Miss., who was born in Summit, Miss., in 1848, son of Robert B. and Elizabeth (Quin) Ligon, of Summit; died in E. Baton Rouge Parish, in 1874. In 1879, his widow was married, 2nd, by Rev. Mr. Patterson, to Jewett Booth of Baton Rouge, son of Augustin and Susan (Reader) Booth.

Children of Robert B. and Mary Anna (Convers) Ligon:

MARGARET LIGON,¹⁰ b., in E. Baton Rouge Parish, 7 Sept. 1872; d. 1 Oct. 1879.

ROBERT B. LIGON,¹⁰ 3d, b., in E. Baton Rouge Parish, 25 June 1874. ;

Children of Jewett and Mary Anna (Convers) Booth:

MARY BELLE BOOTH,¹⁰ b. in Baker, La., 30 Aug. 1880.

ANDREW BOOTH,¹⁰ b., in Baton Rouge, 8 March 1882.

HENRY HENDERSON BOOTH,¹⁰ b., in Baton Rouge, 8 July 1883.

WINNIE CONVERS BOOTH, b.,¹⁰ in Hope Villa, 21 July 1889.

ALBERT WRIGHT CONVERS,⁹ born, in Baton Rouge, La., 31 March 1854; died in Zachary La., 3 March 1899; married Mrs. Louise (Hochenadel) Rummel, widow. (424)

EUGENIE CONVERS,⁹ born in West Feliciana Parish, La., 1 Nov. 1863; married in Zachary La., in 1894, by Rev. W. L. Linfield, to Anson Doolittle, who was born in Wayne Co., Mich., 3 Feb. 1849, son of John and Elsie (Parish) Doolittle of Wayne Co. Mich. Residence, Rochelle, La.

Children:

JOHN CONVERS DOOLITTLE,¹⁰ b. in Baker, La., 1 Nov. 1895.

BENTON RICE DOOLITTLE, b., in Baker, 25 Sept. 1897.

289. MARQUIS LYON CONVERSE⁸ (*Marquis*⁷(124), *Alpheus*, *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brimfield, Mass., 1 February 1809; engaged in mercantile business in New York, where he died 28 June 1874. His remains were buried in Brimfield, Mass. In the beginning of his career he met with a heavy loss, which might have discouraged a man less determined. He went to New York City at the age of twenty and started upon a wholesale dry-goods enterprise, but shortly after becoming established was burned out. Undaunted, he started anew in the same line of work, and later went to Charleston, S. C., as a member of the firm of Pomeroy, Lyman & Converse, a house that conducted an extensive wholesale dry-goods business. When the Civil War broke out he returned to New York City where he continued his connection with the same business house as its purchasing agent, a position which he held until his death. He married in Columbus, Ohio, Mary Picket, who was born in Delaware, Ohio, died in Brimfield, Mass., in March 1892, at sixty years of age. She was daughter of Dr. Charles Picket of Delaware, Ohio.

Marquis Lyon and Mary (Picket) Converse were the parents of four children:

MARQUIS P. CONVERSE,⁸ born August 1847; died May 1862.

CHARLES A. CONVERSE,⁸ born 1849; died 1852.

HORATIO LYON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Brimfield, Mass., 12 Sept. 1851; married Mary Anderson. (435)

JOHN FOSTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 6 April 1855; married Lizzie Lyon Wyles. (436)

290. EUDOCIA CARTER CONVERSE⁸ (*Marquis*⁷ (24), *Alpheus*,⁵ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 21 January 1822; married, 23 November 1852, William N. Flynt, who died 28 September 1895. Mr. Flynt was son of Rufus Flynt, a prominent merchant in Monson, born,

in Hardwick, 22 June 1775. His mother, Sarah Norcross, was born 1779, married 1800. William N. and Eudocia Carter (Converse) Flynt resided in Monson, Mass.

Children, all born in Monson:

MARIA LYON FLYNT,⁹ born 22 March 1854; married, 7 Nov. 1879, Henry A. King, lawyer in Springfield. Children:

STANLEY KING,¹⁰ b. 1883; student in Amherst College in 1901.

CARRIE KING,¹⁰ in Miss Porter's school in 1901.

RUFUS FLYNT,⁹ born 14 June 1855; died 2 April 1899; buried in Monson. President, Flynt Construction and Building Co.; office in Palmer. Married, 1st, 12 Sept. 1876, Addie A. Green, who was born 21 Jan. 1855 and died 15 March 1881. By her he had a daughter and a son, viz: HAROLD FLYNT,¹⁰ born 26 Nov. 1877; died 7 Nov. 1878. HATTIE GREEN FLYNT,¹⁰ b. 16 March 1879.

Rufus Flynt married, 2nd, 27 Feb. 1883, Lucy Belle Atwood. Children:

EUDOCIA FRANCES FLYNT,¹⁰ b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., 4 Oct. 1884.

RUFUS FLYNT,¹⁰ JR., b., in Monson, 25 March 1886.

LYON KENDALL FLYNT,¹⁰ b., in Palmer, 26 Sept. 1894.

LYMAN COLEMAN FLYNT,⁹ born 20 Oct. 1856; in mercantile business in Monson; director Monson bank; holds important town offices in Monson; married, 24 June 1886, Harriet Coe Hussey. Children, all born in Monson:

ROBERT HUSSEY FLYNT,¹⁰ b. 2 April 1887.

RUTH BURLEIGH FLYNT,¹⁰ b. 29 Sept. 1888.

OLIVIA COLEMAN FLYNT,¹⁰ b. 27 Oct. 1890.

ESTHER HOLMES FLYNT,¹⁰ b. 12 Feb. 1894.

ELLA EUDOCIA FLYNT,⁹ born 7 July 1861; married, 3 Oct. 1883, William C. Dewey, who is in real estate business in New York.

Children:

ALONZO NELSON DEWEY,¹⁰ b. 17 Nov. 1886.

EUDOCIA ELINOR DEWEY,¹⁰ b. 15 Jan. 1890.

DOROTHY PALMER DEWEY,¹⁰ b. 3 April 1891.

GEORGE CONVERSE FLYNT,⁹ born 27 July 1863; President and owner of Monson granite quarry; director in Monson bank; holds important town offices in Monson; married, 21 June 1892, Helen Needham of New York

SARAH CONVERSE FLYNT,⁹ born 13 Aug. 1868; married, William A. Lincoln, Vice-President and Cashier Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co. Children:

FLYNT LINCOLN,¹⁰ in school of Technology, in Worcester, Mass., in 1901.

MARIAN LINCOLN,¹⁰

HOWARD LINCOLN,¹⁰

SIDNEY LINCOLN,¹⁰

CONVERSE LINCOLN,¹⁰

KATHERINE LINCOLN,¹⁰

291. ALFRED LYON CONVERSE⁸ (*Marquis*⁷(124), *Alpheus*,⁶ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brimfield, Mass., 23 October 1824. His education began in the common schools of Birm-

field and was completed at the Quaboag Seminary, at Warren, Mass., under Prof. Joshua Pearl. For many years he followed general farming and lumbering, in his native town, and incidentally carried on several building enterprises. In the fall of 1859, he was given a position as land examiner on the Illinois Central Railroad. At the expiration of the time required for the fulfilment of his duties as examiner he was offered a lucrative position in the office of the land department of that railroad, but preferred to return East and cast his lot among his kindred. For a period of thirty-one years in succession he served the town of Brimfield as Treasurer. He also filled the offices of Assessor, Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and represented the town in the legislature. He was chosen Treasurer of the Hitchcock Free Academy of Brimfield when its funds amounted to \$10,000. He served in that capacity for twenty-five years, and upon his retirement left to his successor the custody of \$84,000. During the Civil War he assisted in collecting and disbursing funds subscribed for the purpose of furnishing the town's quota to the army. In 1881, he moved to Warren, Mass., where he has given his attention to the real estate business. He has served as selectman of Warren for two years. In politics he is Republican, and in religious denomination Congregationalist. His progressive tendencies as well as the integrity he has displayed in managing public trusts have won for him the esteem of the entire community. He married, 20 October 1847, Almira Chickering Sedgewick, of Palmer, Mass., daughter of John and Asenath Burt (Scott) Sedgewick. Mrs. Asenath Burt (Scott) Sedgewick was born 13 January 1780, married 1813, died April 1877. She was daughter of William and Violet (Burt) Scott.

Children of Alfred Lyon and Almira Chickering (Sedgewick) Converse, born in Brimfield:

MARY SEDGEWICK CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Dec. 1848; died 10 Nov. 1852.

CHARLES LYON CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 Sept. 1863; married Kittie Mae Jennings. (437)

292. GEORGE ALPHEUS CONVERSE⁹ (*Marquis*¹(124), *Alpheus*,⁸ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brimfield, Mass., 24 June 1827; died in Somerville, Conn., 4 May 1882; buried in Monson, Mass.; after his first marriage resided in Monson, until 1870, when he removed to Somerville, Conn., where he was engaged in the manufacture of woollen cloth until his death. He married, first, 24 November 1852, N. Agnes Root of Monson, who was born 23 April 1827, died without issue 8 November 1868, and was buried in Monson. Mr. Converse, married, second, in Somerville, 18 October 1871, Amelia Billings, who was born in Somerville, 26 March 1847. She died there

10 November 1883; buried in Somers, Conn. She was daughter of Deacon Sanford McClure and Hannah (Russell) Billings.

Children of George Alfred and Amelia (Billings) Converse:

GEORGE MARQUIS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Somerville, 1 Aug. 1872; was graduated at Monson Academy, in Monson, Mass., in 1893; a student in Amherst College two years. After leaving college he traveled through the West, and was engaged in gold mining at El Dora, Colo. Since early in the year 1899 he has been traveling salesman for the Continental Tobacco Co. He married in No. Wilbraham, Mass., 29 March 1900, Mabelle Frances Gates, who was born in No. Wilbraham 27 July 1875, daughter of Erasmus Bradford and Harriet Emily (Kent) Gates of No. Wilbraham.

ANNA BILLINGS CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Somerville, 25 July 1874; was graduated from Monson Academy in 1893; and was a student for three years in Mount Holyoke College at So. Hadley, Mass., where she was President of her class, a member of the College Glee Club, and Captain of the College Gymnasium Team. She was married in Springfield, Mass., 18 Nov. 1896, to Louis Howland Perrines, who was born in Upper Red Hook, N. Y., 14 Dec. 1870, son of Edgar C. and Frances Howland Perrines. They reside at No. 15 Greenleaf Street, Springfield, Mass., and have a daughter, DOROTHY AMELIA PERRINES,¹⁰ born, in Springfield, 30 June 1898.

CYRUS HOLMES CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Somerville, 27 Dec. 1878. Immediately after his graduation from Monson Academy in 1898, he entered the employ of the Springfield (Mass.) Safe Deposit and Trust Co., where he still (1902) remains. He resides with his sister.

293. ALFONZO CONVERSE⁸ (*Adolphus*⁷ (129), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 25 June 1813; died 30 August 1879, at Union Valley, N. Y.; married Abigail Hardy, and lived at Union Valley, N. Y.

Children of Alfonzo and Abigail (Hardy) Converse:

CHRISTANIA H. CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 Dec. 1847; died 8 Nov. 1887; married Burdett Fuller.

Children:

DENTON FULLER,¹⁰ b. 24 Sept. 1869.

WILLIE FULLER,¹⁰ b. 19 Nov. 1870.

LENA FULLER,¹⁰ b. 15 Dec. 1871; married Thomas Marks.

HERBERT FULLER,¹⁰ b. 2 March 1874; m. Cora Baker. Children: IRVAN FULLER,¹¹ b. 20 Nov. 1895, and HAZEL FULLER,¹¹ b. 3 July 1899.

OSCAR ADELO CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 May 1850; married Matilda Coy; lives in Union Valley, N. Y. No children.

C. HERBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born 24 Oct. 1852; married Addie Holmes and lives in Cortland, N. Y. They have two children:

MAUDE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born — Feb. 1889.

RAY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born — 1895.

294. GEORGE FLETCHER CONVERSE⁸ (*Edward*⁷ (130), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹),

born 6 September 1820; married, 12 October 1843, to Eleanor Churchill, of Champlain, N. Y., and now living in Porters Mills, Wis.

Children:

ALBERT BENSON CONVERSE,⁹ born 18 Oct. 1844; married Maggie Taylor, and is living in Minneapolis, Minn. Has three children, all unmarried, and living at home.

SAMUEL C. CONVERSE,⁹ born 12 June 1847; married, 24 Oct. 1869, to Helen M. Churchill, of Porters Mills, Wis.; now living in Eau Claire, Wis. Children:

SAMUEL OTIS CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 17 March 1871; d. in infancy.

WASHINGTON F. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 8 Dec. 1872; d. in infancy.

RALPH E. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. June 1874; d. in infancy.

HELEN LILIAN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 19 April 1875; m., 18 June 1895, to Fred Barlow, of Eau Claire, Wis., where they are now living. Children:

HELEN BARLOW.¹¹

GRACE BARLOW.¹¹

ISABELLE CONVERSE,⁹ born 21 May 1850; married, 1 Jan. 1871, Edward F. Baker, of Iowa, and now lives in Eau Claire, Wis. They have had four children, all dead but the youngest, LOTTIE BAKER,¹⁰ who married Wm. Norrish, of Dunn Co., Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Norrish are living at Fall City, Dunn Co., Wis., and have two children.

VIOLA CONVERSE,⁹ born 19 Jan. 1854; died in Champlain, N.Y., 17 Sept. 1855.

CLARA E. CONVERSE,⁹ born 26 Nov. 1856; married, 22 Feb. 1875, to James Linton. They have had three children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are:

ELLSWORTH LINTON,¹⁰ m. Susie Thomas; lives at Superior, Wis. Two children.

ISABELLE LINTON,¹⁰ m. A. R. Romploye and lives in Idaho or Montana. One child.

CHLOE D. CONVERSE,⁹ born at Champlain, N. Y., 13 July 1859; died, 12 June 1869, at Porters Mills, Wis.

295. PERRIN WESLEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Edward*⁷ (130), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 24 February 1822; married, 30 March 1848, Cornelia E. Ladd of Benson Landing, Vt., born in Chazy, N. Y., 8 October 1830. Perrin W. Converse resides in Troy, N. Y., where he was a wholesale dry-goods merchant for over fifty years.

Children:

GEORGE GRENVILLE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Benson, Vt., 19 Aug. 1849; married Emma Sophia Ells, of Long Eddy, N. Y., in 1870, and resides in New York. They have one daughter:

HELYN E. CONVERSE,¹⁰ living in New York City.

WILBUR WINSLOW CONVERSE,⁹ born in Benson, Vt., 14 June 1852; died 1 Feb. 1864.

EVANGELINE ELISIFF CONVERSE,⁹ born in Champlain, N.Y., 30 Sept. 1853; married William H. Barry of Cincinnati, Ohio, 25 April 1870. Children:

FRED. WESLEY BARRY,¹⁰ b. 19 Sept. 1872; graduated from Cornell University as mechanical and electrical engineer; married Maude Adele Brown of Albany, N. Y., 6 June 1900. Residence, Troy, N. Y.

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MABELLE EVANGELINE BARRY,¹⁰ b. 13 October 1874; married Fred. Boutelaine Steenbergh, of Waterford, N. Y., 16 May 1900. He was appointed Town Clerk of Waterford in 1901.

LOUISE CONVERSE BARRY,¹⁰ b. 10 Feb. 1878. Living in Troy, N. Y., with her grandfather, P. W. Converse.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS HOLMES CONVERSE,⁹ born in Champlain, N. Y., 22 June 1857; married Anna Crane. Residence, Troy, N. Y.

FRED. A. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 15 Oct. 1866; married Mae Rancour of Albany, N. Y., in 1893; resides in Troy, N. Y. One son:

CARL RANCOUR CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 13 April 1895, in Albany, N. Y.; lives in Troy, N. Y.

296. WILLIAM ROYAL CONVERSE⁸ (*Edward*⁷(130), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 16 September 1829; married, first, 4 April 1853, Sarah Ford, who died in 1858. He married, second, 19 September 1861, Clarissa Churchill, of Champlain, N. Y. His present residence is Porters Mills, Wis.

Child of William Royal and Sarah (Ford) Converse:

HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 12 Jan. 1854; living in Eau Claire, Wis.; married 18 Nov. 1874, Emma Gilbert. Children: EVA CONVERSE,¹⁰ and SUSIE CONVERSE.¹⁰

Children of William Royal and Clarissa (Churchill) Converse:

WILLIAM P. CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 March 1865; married, 11 Oct. 1893, Hortense A. Bucklin of Augusta, Wis.; living in Minneapolis, Minn. No children.

EFFIE E. CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Nov. 1868; lives at home with her parents.

297. RUFUS JOSIAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Rufus*⁷(131), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 3 July 1817; died 6 October 1886; married, first, Mary L. Dort; married, second, 30 December 1857, Mary L. Bingham.

Children of Rufus Josiah and Mary L. (Dort) Converse:

FRANCIS RUFUS CONVERSE,⁹ married Gertrude Merritt; lived at Sidney, N. Y. Children: PEARL CONVERSE,¹⁰ and MERRITT CONVERSE.¹⁰

MARY LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ married Edward Roe; lived in Coventry, N. Y. Children: WALTER DORT ROE,¹⁰ and EARL CONVERSE ROE.¹⁰

Children of Rufus Josiah and Mary L. (Bingham) Converse:

EDWIN ALANSON CONVERSE,⁹ married Mary B. Langston, and had ELMER EUGENE CONVERSE¹⁰ and JULIAN LANGSTON CONVERSE.¹⁰ Residence, Louisville, Ky.

ALVIN CONVERSE,⁹ died 15 Jan. 1898; married Edith Horton; had LYNN CONVERSE,¹⁰ and HAROLD CONVERSE.¹⁰ Residence, Bridgeport, Conn.

FREDERICK JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁹ married Harriet Foot; lives at East Berlin, Conn. No children.

JULIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ resided, 1901, in Washington, Conn.

EUGENE GERSHOM CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 July 1868; resides in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is connected in business with The Warner Brothers Company, manufacturers. Eugene G. Converse married, 14 Oct. 1897, Mona Cox. Child: GLADYS CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 7 April 1900.

298. JOHN NIVEN CONVERSE⁹ (*Calvin*⁷ (133), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Butternuts, N. Y., 15 February 1814; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 7 January 1888; married in Pitcher, N. Y., 20 March 1839, Rispah Coy.

Children:

SAMUEL JUDSON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Coventry, N. Y., 22 July 1841; died in Omro, Wis., 22 March 1890; married in Omro, Wis., 7 April 1873, Ovanda Cole. Children:

ALLEN DELANCY CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 May 1874.

ESSIE BELLE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 15 Dec. 1878.

ARTHUR BROWN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 16 Jan. 1885.

HARRIET VERNETTE CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 July 1846; living in Union Valley, N. Y.; not married.

299. LYDIA ANN CONVERSE⁹ (*Calvin*⁷ (133), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., 15 December 1815; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 5 March 1886; married, in Lincklaen, N. Y., 24 December 1838, to Alonzo Franklin Warner, son of Ira Warner and Asenath (Hitchcock) Warner, born 18 November 1810, died 31 December 1846. She married, second, in 1861, William Breed.

Children of Alonzo Franklin and Lydia A. (Converse) Warner:

IRA DE VER WARNER,⁹ born in Lincklaen, N. Y., 26 March 1840; married in McGrawville, N. Y., 24 Sept. 1862, Lucetta Maria Greenman, born 19 Jan. 1839, died 31 Oct. 1895; married, 2nd, 14 Sept. 1897, Eva Follett, born 4 Sept. 1871. Dr. Warner was graduated at Geneva Medical College, N. Y., in 1862, and practised medicine at McGrawville, N. Y. In 1876 he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., and engaged in business pursuits. He is a director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and one of the most prominent business men of the state. Children:

ANNIE LUCETTA WARNER,¹⁰ b. in McGrawville, N. Y., 11 Jan. 1867; m. in Bridgeport, Conn., 31 Oct. 1889, Nathaniel Wheeler Bishop. They have two children:

WARNER BISHOP,¹¹ b. 16 Dec. 1892.

ALFRED BISHOP,¹¹ b. 8 April 1897.

DE VER HOWARD WARNER,¹⁰ b. in McGrawville, N. Y., 20 Nov. 1868; m. in North Adams, Mass., 23 May 1888, Maud Winton Cady. Children:

DE VER CADY WARNER,¹¹ b. 14 March 1889.

MARGARET LUCETTA WARNER,¹¹ b. 15 Oct. 1891.

BRADFORD GREENMAN WARNER,¹¹ b. 12 Jan. 1901.

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HUGH WARNER,¹⁰ b. 6 June 1876; d. 1 May 1879.

Dr. Ira De Ver and Eva (Follett) Warner have one child:

IRA FOLLETT WARNER,¹⁰ b. 7 Dec. 1901..

LUCIEN CALVIN WARNER,⁹ born in Cuyler, N. Y., 26 Oct. 1841; married at McGrawville, N. Y., Keren Sarah Osborne, daughter of Judge Noah Humphry Osborne and Eliza (Thompson) Osborne; born in Scott, N. Y., 15 Oct. 1849. Dr. Warner served in the Civil War in the 150th regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1865; from the medical department of the New York University in 1867; and received the degree of LL.D. from Oberlin College in 1900. After six years in the practice of medicine he removed from McGrawville to New York City in 1873, and engaged in business pursuits. He is now Vice-President of the Warner Brothers Company, President of the International Phosphate Company and a director of several other business corporations, banks and insurance companies. He is a deacon in the Broadway Tabernacle Church, President of the Congregational Church Building Society, a member of the Executive Committee of the American Missionary Association, Chairman of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America, and a member of several local, charitable and philanthropical societies. Children:

AGNES ELIZA WARNER,¹⁰ b. in McGrawville, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1872; m., in Irvington-on-Hudson, 1 Oct. 1896, Seabury Cone Mastick.. She was graduated at Oberlin College in 1892. Residence, New York City.

FRANKLIN HUMPHREY WARNER,¹⁰ b., in New York City, 6 June 1875 was graduated at Oberlin College in 1898; m. Estelle Hynes at Los Angeles, Cal., 25 April 1899. He is engaged in chemical business in New York City. One child:

LUCIEN HYNES WARNER,¹¹ b. 9 Sept. 1900.

LUCIEN THOMPSON WARNER,¹⁰ b., in New York City, 18 April 1877. Graduated from Oberlin College in 1898 and from Columbia Law School in 1901. Engaged in business at Bridgeport, Conn.

ELIZABETH CONVERSE WARNER,¹⁰ b., in New York City, 27 May 1879; was graduated from Vassar College in 1901; m., 15 Oct. 1902, William Gibson Gallowhur; residence, New York City:

300. MOSES SUMNER CONVERSE⁸ (*Alvan*⁷ (134), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., 8 October 1817; teacher of mathematics in Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y., from 1847 to 1857; removed to Elmira, N. Y., where he lived till 1893, for twenty years conducting a successful private school, and later being connected with the Elmira Daily Advertiser. In November 1893, he went to San Antonio, Texas, where he died 17 August 1894, at the home of his daughter. He married Julia North Bulkeley, daughter of Brownell and Dolly North Bulkeley of Coventry, N. Y., who died at San Antonio, Texas, 24 November 1901.

Children:

GEORGIANNA SUMNER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Franklin, N. Y., 12 Oct. 1850; married in Elmira, N. Y., George B. Stothoff, of Burdett, N. Y., and died 7 Jan. 1879, leaving two children: WILLIAM STUART STOTHOFF,¹⁰ and HELEN BULKELEY STOTHOFF¹⁰.

HELEN NORTH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Franklin, N. Y., 25 May 1856; married in Elmira, N. Y., William Belcher Seeley, Ph.D. (Princeton), who is son of Rev. Augustus H. and Mary (Belcher) Seeley of Amenia, N. Y., and a direct descendant of Gov. Jonathan Belcher. They reside in San Antonio, Texas, where Dr. Seeley has a large private school, the San Antonio Academy. Three children have been born to them as follows:

RAYMOND CONVERSE SEELEY,¹⁰ b. 20 Oct. 1887; d. 5 Oct. 1888.

MARJORY SEELEY,¹⁰ b. 18 Aug. 1889.

RUTH SEELEY,¹⁰ b. 24 Nov. 1891.

301. EDWARD CONVERSE⁸ (*Alvan*⁷ (134), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., 15 April 1821; died 11 January 1891. He married, 23 May 1848, Caroline E. Richardson, who was born in Jericho, Vt., 21 January 1822, daughter of William P. and Laura (Lyman) Richardson of Jericho Centre, Vt., and died 3 September 1894. They spent nearly all their married life upon the old Converse homestead in Butternuts, N. Y., where they died, and are buried in Brookside Cemetery, Gilbertsville, N. Y.

Edward Converse learned the carpenter's trade from his father, but was, during the greater part of his life, a farmer. He taught vocal music a great deal, and, during his earlier life, was identified to a considerable extent with the musical interests of his locality.

Children:

LAURA MATILDA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Champlain, N. Y., 2 April 1849; married, 10 June 1866, to Julius A. Halbert, who was born in Butternuts, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1843, son of Archimedesmetus and Sabra (Cady) Halbert, of Butternuts, N. Y. They live upon the Halbert homestead in that town. Children:

FRANK WILLIAM HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 3 Aug. 1867.

EMMA NORTH HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 25 Sept. 1869; m. Frank W. White. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y. One child:

LAURA E. WHITE,¹¹ b. 14 May 1896.

JOHN RICHARDSON HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 9 Dec. 1872.

CORA LILLIAN HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 23 Sept. 1875.

MABEL CONVERSE HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 27 Feb. 1879; m. Earl Wright; residence, Butternuts, N. Y. One child:

HOBERT B. WRIGHT,¹¹ b. 10 Sept. 1901.

ANNA LAURA HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 11 Sept. 1883.

TRUAIR SUMNER HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 12 Sept. 1887.

HOWARD HAMILTON HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 6 Dec. 1889.

MINNIE MAY HALBERT,¹⁰ b. 20 Oct. 1891.

ALVIN RICHARDSON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Schuyler's Lake, N. Y., 7 Feb. 1851; married, 5 Nov. 1873, Emma A. North, who was born in Guilford, N. Y., daughter of Erastus B. and Sarah E. (Brown) North, of Guilford, N. Y. Residence, Norwich, N. Y., Children:

CARRIE ELLEN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 9 Aug. 1876.

HELEN NORTH CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 1 Oct. 1877.

ANNA MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Gilbertsville, N. Y., 14 May 1856; married, 11 Sept. 1877, to Hobert E. Benedict, born 8 Jan. 1853, in Butternuts, N. Y., son of Frederick B. Benedict and Hannah L. (Shaw) Benedict of Butternuts, N. Y. Reside in Elmira, N. Y., and have one son:

FREDERIC EUGENE BENEDICT,¹⁰ b. 4 Dec. 1878; m. Maud Dykes, 24 Jan. 1900, who was b. 24 Jan. 1878, and they have one daughter:

DOROTHY MILDRED BENEDICT,¹¹ b. 5 April 1901.

FREDERIC SUMNER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 22 Dec. 1862; married, 29 November 1883, to Merrilla F. Dye, who was born in Guilford, N. Y., 20 Feb. 1860, daughter of Adam D. and Clarissa (Ferris-Graves) Dye of Guilford, N. Y. Reside at Lyons, N. Y., and have had children:

SON,¹⁰ b. 17 April 1885; d. in infancy.

RUTH,¹⁰ b. 29 June 1892; d. 27 March 1893.

ELSIE MERWIN CONVERSE (adopted) b. 30 March 1895.

302. AZUBAH ANN CONVERSE⁸ (*Alvan*⁷ (134), *Edward*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Butternuts, N. Y., 19 February 1828; died in Elmira, N. Y., 7 October 1895; buried in Rockdale, N. Y. She married, 23 March 1859, Henry E. Morgan, who was born in Guilford, N. Y., 11 May 1827, son of Jasper Morgan and Hannah Carey Morgan. Nearly all the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan was spent on their farm near Elmira, N. Y., where Mr. Morgan still lives.

Children:

ANNABEL MORGAN,⁹ born 15 Dec. 1859; married Thomas K. Cope, born 3 Sept. 1837. They live upon the Cope homestead in Butternuts, N. Y. Children:

FRANCES K. COPE,¹⁰ b. 22 July 1895.

HELEN M. COPE,¹⁰ b. 25 Dec. 1898.

EDWARD SUMNER MORGAN,⁹ born 20 April 1866; married Cora Craven Browne, born 22 June 1866. They reside at Elmira, N. Y. Children:

EDITH BELLE MORGAN,¹⁰ b. 4 Aug. 1893.

RUTH ESTHER MORGAN,¹⁰ b. 1 June 1895; d. 13 Feb. 1896.

SUMNER BROWN MORGAN,¹⁰ b. 1 Jan. 1899.

GLADYS MARGUERITE MORGAN,¹⁰ b. 25 Nov. 1900.

303. ALBERT CONVERSE⁸ (*Amasa,⁷ Jr. (136), Capt. Amasa,⁶ Capt. Edward,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 2 March 1803; died 12 August 1830; married in New Haven, Conn., January 1830, Harriet Maria Yale, who was born in New Haven, Conn., 7 June 1805, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail Yale.

Son of Albert and Harriet Maria (Yale) Converse:

ALBERT YALE CONVERSE,⁹ born 8 Oct. 1830; died in Taunton, Mass., 5 Aug. 1886; married Elizabeth P. Caswell. (438)

304. CHAPIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Amasa,⁷ Jr. (136), Capt. Amasa,⁶ Capt. Edward,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Windsor, Mass., 21 October 1811; died in Hinsdale, Mass., 25 December 1880. He was brought up in Windsor, Mass., and was a farmer and also merchant for many years in Windsor, and in Hinsdale. In Windsor, he was town clerk, selectman, postmaster, assessor, and held other town offices. In Hinsdale, he was one of the selectmen. In the State Legislature in 1851 he represented Windsor, and in 1872 he represented a district comprising several Berkshire County towns. He was a very genial man; had many friends; and was respected by all who knew him. He was married first, in Windsor, 20 March 1836, by Rev. Phyletus Clark, to Lydia Jane Ford, who was born, in Windsor, 8 August 1817, died there 18 December 1844, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Davis) Ford. He married, second, in Pownal, Vt., 20 May 1845, Ortentia Jane Hume, who in 1901 resides with her two daughters in Dalton, Mass. She is the daughter of Stephen Tyler and Lucy (Baldwin) Hume.

Son of Chapin and Lydia Jane (Ford) Converse:

CLARK HURLBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Windsor, 1 May 1840. The date of his death in Windsor is thought to have been March 1867. He married Jennie Bowley. No children.

Children of Chapin and Ortentia Jane (Hume) Converse:

LYDIA ORTENTIA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Windsor, 17 July 1848; resided in Dalton, Mass., in 1901; in childhood she was called "Tennie," and that name afterwards clung to her.

SARAH BUCK CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Windsor, 20 May 1852; died in Hinsdale, 10 March 1968

ORISSA WALKER CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Windsor, 22 Feb. 1855; lately deceased at Dalton; married Heman Clark Mitchell, farmer, of Dalton, Mass., who was born, in Dalton, 13 Nov. 1857, son of Priestly and Harriet (Allen) Mitchell. Children:

FLORENCE LOUISE MITCHELL,¹⁰ b. 4 June 1884.

HEMAN PRIESTLY MITCHELL,¹⁰ b., in Dalton, 11 June 1887.

305. ORLIN EUSTACE CONVERS⁸ (*Lieut. Amasa*⁷ (136), *Capt. Amasa*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Windsor, Mass., 13 March 1815; died there 6 March 1875. He was a farmer, owning a large farm in Windsor. He married, in Windsor, 9 April 1843, Laura Ford of Windsor, who died there 9 March 1888, aged sixty-six years. She was daughter of Benjamin and Dilly Ford.

Children of Orlin Eustace and Laura (Ford) Converse:

ESTHER ELIZABETH CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 3 Sept. 1845.

LEVI WILLIAMS CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 7 July 1847; unmarried.

DARIUS F. CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 5 May 1852; died there, unmarried, 22 Nov. 1871.

GROVE WELLINGTON CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 18 Nov. 1854; married Almeda Bradford. (439)

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Windsor, 21 Sept. 1856; farmer; died, in Windsor, 31 July 1881; unmarried.

CLARA ADALINE CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 25 Nov. 1859.

JUDD WALKER CONVERS,⁹ born, in Windsor, 9 Nov. 1864; married Cora Miller. No children. Residence, Dalton, Mass.

306. CHARLES AUSTIN CONVERS⁸ (*Lieut. Amasa*⁷ (136), *Capt. Amasa*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 5 September 1816; died 25 May 1880. He was admitted to the church, Windsor, Mass., 4 July 1847. He married, first, in Windsor, 19 June 1841, Jane Ann Pierce of Windsor, who died, in Windsor, 7 October 1847, aged thirty-two; married, second, 20 March 1850, Sarah H. Mitchell.

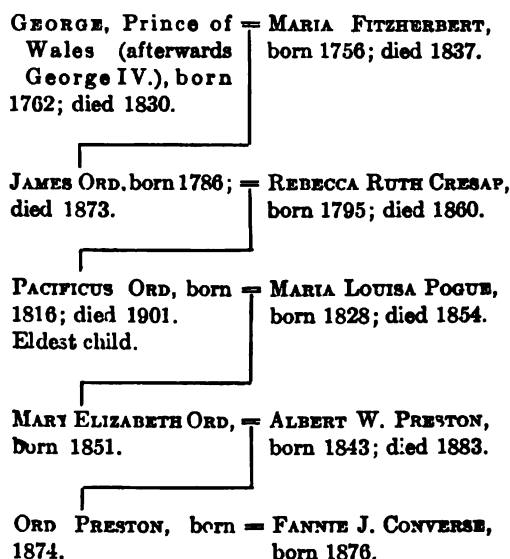
Child of Charles Austin and Jane Ann (Pierce) Converse:

AMASA RICE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Windsor, Mass., 26 March 1842; died, in New York City, 9 June 1885; married, 17 Aug. 1868, Clarence Welles Swan, who was born in 1841 and died in 1899. After her second marriage, in 1886, to Truman Barney Hicks, she resided in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Amasa Rice Converse was prominent in Wyoming, and a County in that state was named for him.

Children of Amasa Rice and Clarence Welles (Swan) Converse:

CHARLES ANDREWS CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in White Pigeon, Mich., 8 Oct. 1871; d. in Three Rivers, Mich., 9 Sept. 1875.

FANNIE JANE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Cheyenne, Wyoming, 11 July 1876; m. in St. Paul's Church, Englewood, N. J., 7 June 1902, to Ord Preston, whose line of descent is as follows:



307. CHARLES CONVERSE* (*Col. Roswell*¹ (137); *Elisha*,² *Jonathan*,³ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁵ *Sergeant Samuel*,⁶ *Deacon Edward*⁷), born 3 January 1814; died 10 June 1867; married Abigail Elizabeth Williams, who died in 1890.

Children:

WILLIAM CONVERSE,* born 1839; died 1879; married Henrietta Josephine Lightner. (440)

JULIA CONVERSE,* unmarried; died before 1879.

ABBIE CONVERSE,* unmarried.

CHARLES CONVERSE,* unmarried; traveling salesman in the Northwest; resided, in 1901, with his sisters Abbie and Rose in Sandusky, Ohio.

ROSE CONVERSE,* unmarried.

308. CHESTER CONVERSE* (*Hezekiah*¹ (138), *Chester*,² *Lieut. Jacob*,³ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁵ *Sergeant Samuel*,⁶ *Deacon Edward*⁷), born in Monson, Mass., 25 December 1810; died in Webster, Mass., 20 October 1869; married 25 November 1834, Caroline Freeman of Webster, daughter of Samuel and Arminda (Foster) Freeman of Webster. In 1837 they moved to Schroon, N. Y., where he was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and thence they removed in 1859 to Webster, Mass. She died in Putnam, Conn., 6 January 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Converse were both buried in Webster.

Children of Chester and Caroline (Freeman) Converse:

ESTHER M. CONVERSE,* born in Thompson, Conn., 22 Sept. 1835; married, 4 Dec. 1872, William Mason Talbot of Putnam, Conn., where they resided in 1902. No children.

Mr. Talbot is son of Ebenezer and Melora (Mason) Talbot of Putnam.

ABIGAIL ARMINDA CONVERSE,* born in Schroon, N. Y., 3 June 1837; died in Webster, Mass.

20 April 1894; married, 23 Oct. 1867, George Livingston Simpson, who was born in E. Douglass, Mass., 11 Oct. 1837, son of Aaron and Abigail (Cook) Simpson. No children.

TIRZAH OPHELIA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Schroon, N. Y., 2 May 1839; died in Webster, Mass., 20 Oct. 1872; married Rufus Franklin Raymond. (441)

WILLIAM FRANKLYN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Schroon, N. Y., 3 June 1841; soldier in Union Army in Civil War. He enlisted in Co. I, 15th Mass. Regt.; he was taken prisoner at Ball's Bluff, and died, unmarried, in Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., 13 Feb. 1862.

MYLA SEAMENS CONVERSE,⁹ born in Schroon, N. Y., 19 March 1843; married, 1st, Mary Elizabeth Emerson; married, 2nd, Mrs. Grace Elizabeth (Nuttle) Hall. (442)

SAMUEL FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Schroon, N. Y., 20 May 1847; died in Webster, Mass., 3 Oct. 1887; married, 4 Feb. 1881, Eva Ryant, who was born in Thompson, Conn., 15 Feb. 1860, daughter of Thomas and Phoebe Amelia (Copeland) Ryant. They had a son who died in infancy, and three daughters, now living in Grosvenor-dale, Thompson, Conn., viz:

EFFIE IRMA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Webster, Mass., 4 Jan. 1883.

HAZEL BERTHA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Webster, 20 June 1886.

ESTHER MABEL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Oxford, Mass., 18 Dec. 1887.

CAROLINE SYLVANIA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Schroon, 9 May 1853; now (1902) resides in Southbridge, Mass. She married John Edward Howland of Charlton, Mass., who died there 5 May 1884, son of Enoch and Anna (Elger) Howland, of Charlton. John Edward and Caroline Sylvania (Converse) Howland had three daughters:

HATTIE HOWLAND,¹⁰ m. Everett Freeman, of Southbridge, Mass.

MARY ELIZABETH HOWLAND,¹⁰ b. in Charlton, Mass., 8 July 1879; resides in Southbridge, Mass.

MINNIE HOWLAND,¹⁰ b., in Charlton, 30 Sept. 1883; d., in Webster, 22 Dec. 1894.

CHARLES CHESTER CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Schroon, 14 July 1856. He enlisted in U. S. Army 8 May 1873; his mother secured his honorable discharge therefrom in April 1874. He spent several years with his brother in Minnesota, and since 1883 has resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been in the employ of the John Van Range Co. He is a member of Crystal Fount Council No. 611 of the National Union, a fraternal insurance association, and was President of the Council in 1901. He married, in Cincinnati, 17 Sept. 1890, Georgia May White, who was born in Cincinnati, 25 Aug. 1865, daughter of Leonard Martin Van Buren and Mary Elizabeth (Hoole) White of Cincinnati. Children:

CHESTER LEONARD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Cincinnati, 23 June 1891.

FRANK CLIFFORD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Cincinnati, 30 March 1897; d. 18 April 1897.

309. JESSE FRANKLIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Hezekiah*⁷ (138), *Chester*,⁸ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

From an obituary notice printed in the Putnam, Conn., Patriot of 7 February 1902, the following facts are obtained:

He was born, 20 April 1815, near Cargill Falls in Putnam, Conn., then a part of Pomfret, and died 30 January 1902 at the house of Allen Babbitt. It had been his custom for the past eight years to pass the summer at a farm in East Thompson and his winters at Thompson, his residence since he reached the age of ten years, with the exception of a four years' residence in Monson, Mass. Mr. Con-

verse learned the trade of blacksmith in New Boston. At an early age he joined the Thompson Hill Congregational Church; in after years he joined with his first wife the M. E. Church in North Grosvenordale, and was an active member ready to work for the church. He has always been a staunch Republican, held town office, voted at all town meetings for sixty-one years. He joined the Masons in Woodstock more than forty years ago; when the Corner Stone Lodge No. 122 was instituted in North Grosvenordale, he was admitted as a veteran of the lodge from Woodstock. He was a veteran of the Civil War, 18th Regiment, Company D, Connecticut Volunteers; having lost one eye in the war he worked as he was able, until 28 February 1897; he became blind, and was deaf, which made him helpless.

Jesse Franklin Converse married, first, 1 May 1838, Mercy Prince, of Thompson, who was born there 12 September 1816, daughter of Nathan and Jerusha (Jacobs) Prince of Thompson. She died 25 May 1872, and he married, second, Mrs. Joslyn, widow, whose maiden name was Caroline Tenny, of Webster, Mass. His third wife was Betsy Phipps of Thompson, daughter of Jason and Abilene (Towne) Phipps of Thompson.

Children of Jesse Franklin and Mercy (Prince) Converse:

GEO. F. CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Feb. 1839; died 13 Feb. 1843.

JOEL CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 Aug. 1842. "He was a very serious-minded and exemplary young man, and was led by patriotic devotion to enlist in the same regiment as his father (the eighteenth), was taken prisoner at New Market, May, 1864, and died at Andersonville Prison July 1864" (Wm. G. Hill). He married Betsey Shumway just before he enlisted.

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 April 1844; died 26 May 1844.

JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 June 1846; died 26 July 1846.

MARY ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 July 1854; married in Thompson, 28 Nov. 1872, Hezekiah Bates, who was born in Dudley, Mass., 22 Nov. 1851, son of Ira Jacobs and Myria (Davis) Bates, of Dudley, Mass., and Thompson, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Bates resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1902; their three surviving children were born in Brooklyn:

LULU MYRIA BATES,¹⁰ b. 22 May 1874; m., 2 April 1897, Wm. Henry Clark, who was born, in New York City, 6 Aug. 1856, son of Jacob Joseph and Lydia Jane (Posly) Clark.

CLINTON JESSE BATES,¹⁰ b. 19 July 1881.

MARION LUCIA BATES,¹⁰ b. 11 Sept. 1883.

310. CHLOE CONVERSE⁸ (*Welcome*⁷(139), *Chester*,⁸ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁸ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁸ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Palmer, Mass., 22 August 1814; died in Springfield, Mass., 12 April 1888. She married November 1836, Samuel Franklin Chandler, who died in Springfield, Mass., 13 January 1888, son of Deacon Samuel Chandler, an expert machinist and inventor

at the U. S. Armory in Springfield, Mass. They settled in West Longmeadow, Mass., where Mr. Samuel Franklin Chandler was a maker of watches, spectacles and spoons for Diamond Chandler, a relative. In 1844 or 1845, the family removed to Monson, Mass., where Mr. Chandler was in the employ of Daniel Moody, manufacturer of spectacles. In 1848 the family removed to Windsor, Vt., on account of the ill health of Mr. Chandler. They returned to Monson in 1852, and subsequently Mr. Chandler started for himself in the manufacture of gold and silver spectacles. His factory was located on his homestead, which he bought of Mrs. Phoebe Brown, who was the authoress of the familiar hymn: "I love to steal a while away." She was the widow of Timothy Brown. The house was originally built and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Children of Samuel Franklin and Chloe (Converse) Chandler:

WILLIAM ERASMUS CHANDLER,⁹ born in West Longmeadow, Mass., 5 Sept. 1839; educated in the public schools and at Monson Academy. In his early teens, when not attending school, he worked on the farm of his grandfather, Welcome Converse. For two and a half years, prior to leaving home, he worked for his father, who manufactured spectacles and eye-glasses in Monson, Mass. In June, 1858, he left home to study singing, the piano and the organ in Worcester, Mass., and subsequently in Boston, Mass. He lived in Worcester, until 1870, during which time he studied, taught, and served as organist in various churches, besides being for two years at the head of the firm of W. E. Chandler & Co., dealers in pianos, organs and sheet music. In 1868 Mr. Chandler sold out this business, and continued teaching and church work. He was one of the five who organized the Worcester County Musical Association, which in 1901 held its forty-third annual festival. After going to New Haven to reside, the Board of Managers elected him an honorary member of the association, with the accompanying privileges. In 1870, he received and accepted a flattering call as organist and choir-master of the Chapel Street Congregational Church in New Haven, Conn., Rev. John E. Todd, pastor. He entered upon his duties there in July, 1870, and continued in the same position for ten years, when he resigned, with the purpose of giving up that kind of work altogether. In 1884 he was requested by the music committee of the church to assume again the position of organist and choir-master, which he did for four years. In 1880, he accepted a like position in the College Street Congregational Church, which he held for seven years, when he gave up his church work, and confined himself to private teaching.



William Erasmus Chandler.

His large chorus choirs in both churches, under his careful training, attained marked proficiency in rendering the best church music, including oratorio work. The Sunday evening praise services which he instituted in New Haven, were a great success. Hundreds of people were unable to gain admission to the church a half hour before service commenced. In 1872, he organized and drilled a chorus of one hundred voices for P. S. Gilmore's great Boston Peace Jubilee Chorus. In 1876, he organized and drilled the New Haven Chorus (100 voices); and, with an orchestra of thirty-six pieces, gave dramatic work for three consecutive seasons in Skiff's Opera House for the benefit of New Haven charitable institutions. During the first twenty years of his residence in New Haven, he taught large evening classes in his adopted city, and in nearly all the adjacent towns, besides attending to his large number of private pupils. In December, 1887, he was elected councilman from his ward (first ward), and was re-elected the following year, at which time the Board chose him as its President. At the close of his term in the Council, December, 1889, the Mayor appointed him a member of the Board of Public Library Directors for three years; the Board elected him as its President the last year of his term. In December, 1889, he was elected Alderman from his ward for two years. From October, 1890, to October, 1893, he served one year as Vice-President and two years as President of the New Haven Orphan Asylum Donation Day Association, which consists of more than one hundred of the representative business and professional men of the city, who yearly give one day to assist the managers in raising funds for the support of the Asylum. In 1884 Mr. Chandler was one of the reception committee who went to Hartford to escort Hon. James G. Blaine to New Haven at the close of his Presidential campaign. This was two days after Burchard's famous "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" speech in New York, which was the death knell to Republican victory that year. Mr. Chandler was a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce committee to arrange for the reception and entertainment in New Haven of the Mexican, South American and Central American delegates to the Philadelphia Commercial Museum in 1897. He was Chairman of the Souvenir Committee, which published a book on New Haven and its industries, in English and Spanish, containing many half-tone views of the principal streets and public buildings of the city. The book was finely bound and a copy presented to each delegate with his name embossed in gilt on the cover. Mr. Chandler is a member of the Church of the Redeemer (Congregational), and also holds membership in City Lodge, No. 36, I.O.O.F.; Golden Rule Encampment, No. 24, I.O.O.F.; Wooster Lodge, No. 79, A.F. & A.M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R.A.M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S.M.; all of New Haven. He is also a member of the New Haven Congregational Club, and has served as its Secretary and as its President; and is a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, the oldest Chamber in the country, founded in 1794. He served the Chamber as its Necrologist for five years until May, 1901, when he resigned. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, as great-grandson of Samuel Chandler (1762-1804) a Revolutionary soldier of Enfield, Conn., who, in July 1780, marched in a company under command of Captain Booth, the expense being paid by the town of Enfield. Mr. Chandler is also a member by his right as great-grandson of Chester Converse (1755-1815) a Revolutionary soldier of Killingly, Conn., who served with Connecticut troops at the Lexington alarm under Capt. Joseph Elliot, and, later, with Connecticut troops in New York State in a company commanded by Lieutenant Paine Converse. Mr.

Chandler is Treasurer of the Conn. Society, and a member of the Board of Managers. He is Secretary and Treasurer of General David Humphreys Branch, No. 1, Connecticut Society S. A. R., located in New Haven. He is also Treasurer of the Union League; a member of the New Haven Colony Historical Society of New Haven; and one of the Board of Managers of the Bankers' Loan and Investment Company, 74 Wall Street, New York City. He has written and published a number of secular and sacred songs, and many church anthems. Chandler's two volumes of choir anthems have had a large sale. During his last four years as organist and choir-master at the Church of the Redeemer, he, with Rev. John E. Todd, D.D., the pastor, published the *Laudent Omnes*, a small book designed expressly for congregational singing. An arrangement from Franz Schubert on page 19 is called CONVERSE. Mr. Chandler at this time (1901) still resides in New Haven at 31 High Street, with his music studio in Hoadley Building, Church Street, where he has received his private pupils for twenty-nine years. He continues to identify himself with all that makes for the good of the city, where he has lived for thirty-one years. Mr. Converse married, first, 24 Nov. 1868, Mary Pierce Woods, daughter of Hon. Josiah Bridges Woods and Frances Catherine (Belcher) Woods of Enfield, Mass.

Mr. Woods was a retired manufacturer exceptionally well read, and thoroughly respected and esteemed, not only in his native town and county, but also throughout the state, which he served as Senator from his district in 1845 and 1846, and as a member of the convention of 1853 for the revision of the State constitution. He was a warm friend and patron of Amherst College, to which he gave a fund, the income of which established the Woods prize for the best scholarship, and best general deportment during the four years' college course. In recognition of his valuable services in collecting funds for the college their geological collection, which he had been of great service in securing, was named the Woods Geological Cabinet, and the college conferred on him the honorary degree of M.A. He died in Enfield, Mass., 15 May 1872.

The following is from the New Haven Evening Leader of 23 March 1903:

It was with great surprise and sorrow that the friends of Prof. William E. Chandler heard of the death of his wife, which occurred yesterday afternoon at half after one o'clock.

Mrs. Chandler has for a long time fought a patient, courageous fight against chronic heart trouble. About four weeks ago she took a severe bronchial cold which overtaxed her weak heart and despite every care which love and medical skill could give her, the end came with startling suddenness, as announced above.

The family had just left the room to go to dinner, leaving the wife and mother reading the paper, apparently more comfortable than she had been since her illness. They had no thought but that she would recover her usual degree of health. The daughter prepared her mother's dinner, and her son Robert went immediately back to her chamber to wait upon her and found that in that short time of absence death had entered the room and taken away the mistress of the home.

Mrs. Chandler was a woman of the finest Christian character, gracious, refined, lady-like. She was a devoted wife and mother, a member of the Church of the Redeemer, of the Kings Daughters, and of the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R. She graduated from the Young Ladies' Seminary at Ipswich, Mass., and subsequently took a post-graduate course in special work at Grove Hall in this city.

She reigned in her own home with a gentle, loving sway, and the sorrow of husband, children, relatives and friends will be as deep as only such natures can possibly call forth. It can be truthfully said by those in a position to know, "none know her but to love her."

Mrs. Chandler leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Prof. W. E. Chandler, a son, Mr. W. Woods Chandler, who graduated from Yale in 1896, taking a four years' course in the Yale musical department and receiving a degree of Mus. Bac.; a second son, Robert Woods Chandler, a graduate of the class of Yale 1901, a daughter, Miss Frances Woods Chandler, who graduated from Smith College in the

class of 1894; a brother, the Rev. Robert M. Woods, pastor for twenty-five years in the Congregational Church in Hatfield, Mass., his quarter of a century of service celebrated last year by his faithful parishioners; and Mrs. William B. Kimball, who resides with her husband in the old Woods homestead at Enfield, Mass., spending the winters with Professor and Mrs. Chandler, they in turn spending the summers with her.

OBITUARY.

The funeral was held at the Chandler home, Rev. Dr. Dwight, formerly president of Yale University, officiating. The funeral services were very simple and consisted of the reading of a passage of a scripture and a prayer by Dr. Dwight. The interment was in Enfield, Mass., today and services were held in that town. The bearers were members of the family and are as follows: Professor William E. Chandler, Rev. Robert M. Woods, brother of the deceased; William B. Kimball, brother-in-law, Josiah B. Woods, nephew, and the two sons, William Woods Chandler and Robert Woods Chandler.

William Woods Chandler played the organ in the services at Enfield and thus those who loved Mrs. Chandler best, performed the last acts that any earthly creatures can participate in connection with the saddest ceremonies that come to those who survive.

The floral offerings came from many friends of New Haven, and evidenced in no small degree the love and affection felt for Mrs. Chandler, whose beautiful Christian character impressed itself upon all who knew her.

The Chandler home was not large enough to accommodate all who sought entrance yesterday afternoon and hundreds who did not go to that house of mourning in person were there in thought of the one who has gone and in sympathy with those who have lost their nearest and dearest friend. Children of William Erasmus and Mary Pierce (Woods) Chandler:

FRANCES WOODS CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Enfield, Mass., 15 Nov. 1870; her birth occurred in the house of her grandfather, Josiah Bridges Woods, the same in which her mother was born. She was educated in the public and private schools of New Haven; was graduated at Hillhouse High School in 1890; entered Smith College, Northampton, Mass., September 1890, and was graduated with her class in 1894. Since her graduation from college she has lived with her parents in New Haven. She is a member of Smith College Alumnae Association; of the Intercollegiate Alumnae Association; of the Women's University Club, New York City; and of the Mary Clapp Wooster Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. She is also a member of the Gounod Oratorio Society (300 voices), and of the Euterpe Chorus (100 ladies' voices). In church membership she is connected with the Church of the Redeemer (Congregational) which she joined at the age of fifteen. Since her graduation from college she has studied vocal music with her father, and often sings in public concerts and recitals.

WILLIAM WOODS CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in New Haven, Conn., 23 March 1874; was educated in the public schools of his native city, and at Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, from which he was graduated in 1892. He entered Yale College the same year without conditions, and was graduated with honors in 1896, receiving the degree of Mus. Bac. While in Hopkins Grammar School he was a member of the secret society, Pi Sigma Tau, editor-in-chief

of the Critic (a monthly paper published by the Pi Sigma Tau), President and Director of both the Glee and of the Banjo Clubs, Manager of the football and of the baseball teams, and Captain of the school. In his junior and senior years in college, he studied harmony, counterpoint and composition with Prof. Horatio W. Parker, and organ playing with Prof. Harry B. Jepson, the college organist; and was a member of the college choir. During his college course, he served one year as assistant and three years as regular organist of Dwight Hall Y. M. C. A. At graduation he received a one-year honor in music, the first to be given after the re-organization of the department under Professor Parker. At a competitive examination he secured the Steinert scholarship in organ-playing, which entitled him to a year's study in the music department of the University. He continued his studies in that department under Prof. Parker until 1901, when his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Music (Mus. B.) His thesis, a concert overture in C major for orchestra was played by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and was conducted by the composer at the Commencement concert of the music department in June. In 1897 he was awarded the prize of \$10 offered by the Connecticut Music Teachers' Association for the best original composition for solo. The judges were Messrs. Chadwick and Foote of Boston, and McDowell of New York. His composition entitled "Theme and Variations for the Organ" was played by the composer at the annual meeting of the association in New Haven. He has written other meritorious works, but has published nothing. In 1896 he accepted the position as organist of the First Baptist Church, New Haven, which he resigned, in 1898, to accept a flattering offer as organist and choir-master of the Prospect M. E. Church, Bristol, Conn. This position he is still filling (1901). During his college course, and since his graduation, he has substituted as college organist in Battell Chapel in the absence of Prof. Jepson. He is a member of the Church of the Redeemer (Congregational), which he joined when eleven years of age. He is a member of the Graduates' Club of New Haven, of the New Haven Golf Club, and of the Yale Club of New York City. He is still (1901) pursuing his musical studies—composition, piano and organ,—the latter in New York City. He devotes one day to pupils in Bristol, Conn. He continues to live at the home of his parents in New Haven.

ROBERT WOODS CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in New Haven, Conn., 3 Feb. 1878; educated in the public schools of his native city, and at Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, and was graduated at Hopkins in 1895. While at the grammar school, he was a member of the secret society, Pi Sigma Tau, President of the Glee Club, and one of the editors of the Critic. His college examinations were successfully passed; but, before entering, he took a year at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., graduating there in 1896. He was a member of the Glee Club, and an editor of the Phillippian, and suggested and designed a watch charm for the members of the editorial board, which was adopted. He entered Yale College with the class of 1900; but, owing to an illness which lasted from June, 1897, to March, 1898, he was compelled to drop back one year. He graduated, with honors, in the class of 1901. At the beginning of Freshman year, he entered one of the sharpest contests in the history of the paper for an editorship of the Yale Daily News, and was successful, obtaining the highest credit on record. He was Manager of the Freshman Glee Club, and in Sophomore year was one of the founders of the

"Wigwam," a debating society extending through Sophomore and Junior years. While in college he was also a member of three secret societies, the Sophomore Society, Eta Phi; Junior Society, Delta Kappa Epsilon; and the Senior Society, Wolf's Head. During his active membership of D. K. E. in Junior year, he was elected Custos, one of the most responsible offices held in the Chapter. As a Senior Society man, he received an honor peculiar to Yale, and one which is the goal of every Yale man's ambition. In addition he was president and manager of the Yale Bicycle Association, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Intercollegiate Association. He was organist of Dwight Hall Y. M. C. A., during his senior year, having previously served as assistant. He was elected class secretary, and a member of the triennial committee, but was unable to accept the former position. He is a member of Plymouth Church (Congregational)—formerly College Street Church, which he joined at the age of fourteen. Several months prior to his graduation, he was offered a position with the Midvale Steel Company of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., which he accepted, entering upon his duties there 2 Sept. 1901. In the fall of 1902 he removed to New York City to take a position on McClure's Magazine, and is now (1904) with Robert Grier Cooke, publisher, in New York City.

HENRY FRANKLIN CHANDLER,⁹ born in West Longmeadow, Mass., 15 Jan. 1842; educated in the public schools; was taught spectacle-making by his father, and worked with him for several years. In 1861 he followed his parents to Hartford, Conn. In August, 1862, he enlisted for nine months in the 22nd regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, Col. George S. Burnham, and was stationed at Miner's Hill, at Yorktown, and at James River. He was Orderly Sergeant of his company, and was honorably mustered out about a year after enlistment. For many years after his army service he was a commercial traveler. At this time (1901) he is steward at the Soldiers' Hospital, Noroton, Conn., which position he has held for several years. In November 1864, he married Flora Coombs of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Children.

BERTHA AUGUSTA CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Hartford, Conn., 8 Dec. 1865; d. in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 1887.

SAM FRANK CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Worcester, Mass., 1867; d. in Cleveland, Ohio, 1877.

BELLE HOWARD CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Cleveland, Ohio.

L—— STANDISH CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY CONVERSE CHANDLER,¹⁰ b. in Cleveland, Ohio.

311. WELCOME CONVERSE, JR.,⁸ (*Welcome*⁷ (139), *Chester*,⁸ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁸ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Monson, Mass., 2 May 1819; died at the home of his son in Brooklyn, N. Y., 1 April 1888. With his father he carried on the home farm in Monson for many years, and finally sold out to his brother Sherman, and was associated with his father-in-law, Austin Newell, in house building. He married in Monson, Mass., 24 November 1842, Mary Frances Newell, who was born in Monson, Maine, 19 April 1823, the daughter of Austin and Polly (Hoar) Newell of Monson, Mass. (For her Newell, Burt and Hoar lines of descent see Brimfield, Union and Long Meadow histories).

Children of Welcome, Jr., and Mary Frances (Newell) Converse, all born in Monson, Mass.:

EVERETT HOWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 20 Nov. 1843; fitted for college at Monson Academy 1854 to 1861; graduated at Yale College in 1865; member there of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Since 1866, he has been engaged in the dry-goods commission business in New York City, as a member of the firm of Coffin, Altemus & Co., succeeded in 1897 by Treat & Converse, 79 and 81 Worth Street. He resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a member of the Merchants' Club, N. Y.; Yale Club, N. Y.; Atlantic Yacht Club, N. Y.; Union League Club, Brooklyn; Oxford Club, Brooklyn; Long Island Historical Society; Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; and the Brooklyn Yacht Club. He married in Pittsfield, Mass., 8 Jan. 1873, Martha Shumway Dowse, who was born in Oxford, Mass., daughter of Samuel and Casandiana (Shumway) Dowse, of Oxford. No children.

MARY FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 Sept. 1845; married in Monson, Mass., 19 Sept. 1871, David Morgan Gordon, merchant, of Rochester, N. Y. No children.

ROSE STANDISH CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 May 1847; married in Monson, Mass., 25 March 1874, Dr. Henry Sherman Gould, who was born in Ware, Mass., Feb. 1847. They reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., and have had four children, of whom two died in infancy, and two survive, viz:

FANNY CONVERSE GOULD,¹⁰ b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., 28 March 1883; a student (1901) at Mrs. Masters' school at Dobbs Ferry.

HOWARD CONVERSE GOULD,¹⁰ b. in Brooklyn, 19 Jan. 1886; a student (1901) at Hotchkiss School, Lakeville.

312. SHERMAN CONVERSE⁸ (*Welcome*⁷(139), *Chester*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). The particulars of his life are contained in the following obituary from the issue of *The Westborough* (Mass.) Chronotype, of 21 December 1901:

DEATH OF SHERMAN CONVERSE.

We again have to announce the death of one of our oldest citizens. Mr. Converse died after a long illness on Wednesday at 12 o'clock, at the age of 79 years. He had been in failing health for about a year and a half, with liver trouble, together with the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Converse was born in Monson Feb. 25, 1822. In his early years he was a school-teacher, and taught in Monson, Warren, Brookfield and in the state of Maryland. He returned to Monson and engaged in farming. He came to Westboro to reside in 1864. He was engaged to conduct the farm where the Lyman school now is. He afterwards purchased the place now occupied by Arthur B. Harvey, 120 South street, and resided there about fifteen years, when he sold it to Mr. G. S. Newcomb. While residing there Mr. Converse was engaged in the fire insurance business. After disposing of that property he engaged in the livery business with the late M. G. Davis under the firm name of Davis & Converse, Mr. Converse purchasing the interest of the late Edwin Bullard in the business. He subsequently disposed of his interest to Mr. Bullard. In 1879 Mr. Converse

engaged in the coal business in which he continued until 1884, when his son, M. S. Converse, succeeded him.

In 1877, Mr. Converse met with a serious accident. He was negotiating at the time for a business in Boston, and the trade was about closed when the accident occurred, which necessitated the giving up of the project. While returning from Boston, and when nearing this station, he chanced to put his right hand out of the window, when it came in contact with a stand pipe, throwing the arm back and breaking it. From that time the arm was practically useless. The accident had a very depressing effect upon him from which he never seemed to recover.

Mr. Converse was identified with the construction of the present town water system, and was one of the board of water commissioners with Mr. Geo. N. Smalley and the late Reuben Boynton at the time. Mr. Converse and Mr. C. H. Pierce of Providence, R. I., formulated the plan of the works, which was subsequently accepted by the town. He was one of the board of assessors several years, and was one of the original members of the board of registrars, and continued on the board until poor health made his resignation necessary a year or so ago.

Mr. Converse was married to Miss Pamela Walbridge of Stafford, Conn., in 1855. Three children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the survivor being Melville S. Converse who is engaged in the coal business in Springfield, the company being known as the M. S. Converse Company. He also leaves a wife and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at his late residence. 29 Church street, Rev. John J. Walker officiating. Burial at Monson today.

Sherman Converse and Pamela Sheldon Walbridge were married, in Stafford, 3 April 1855. She was the daughter of William and Caroline (Gould) Walbridge of Stafford.

Children of Sherman and Pamela Sheldon (Walbridge) Converse:

MELVILLE SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Monson, Mass., 26 Dec. 1857; married, in Westboro, 12 June 1884, Emily Jane Hardy who was born in Boston, Mass., 12 Dec. 1860, daughter of Anson and Fanny M. (Howe) Hardy of Boston. Children:

HELEN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 24 April 1887.

STANDISH SHERMAN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in Westboro, 12 Sept. 1889.

MARGARET CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Springfield, Mass., 10 Nov. 1897.

CAROLINE WALBRIDGE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Monson, Mass., 25 Sept. 1860; died 17 Dec. 1861

WILLIAM WELCOME CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Westboro, 6 Oct. 1866; died 30 June 1867.

313. MOZART MANNING CONVERSE⁸ (*Maxcy Manning*⁷ (142), *Dr. Jacob*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Palmer, Mass., 15 February 1822; removed to Wellsboro, Pa., in 1843, and from 1848 was a merchant there, first alone, and afterwards in partnership with C. G. Osgood. After a few years he retired, and devoted the rest of his life to fancy farming. He died in Wellsboro. He was married, 7 October 1868, by Rev. Otis Gibson, Methodist, to Mrs. Juliet (Robinson) Sherwood, widow, who was born in Wellsboro, daughter of Chester and Lodoiska

(Bowen) Robinson. She died, 24 April 1897, in Pasadena, Cal., whither she had gone to seek health.

Son of Mozart Manning and Juliet (Robinson-Sherwood) Converse:

CHESTER ROBINSON CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Wellsboro, 21 Oct. 1869; attended Wellsboro High School, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Eastman's Business College, Elmira, N. Y. In 1890 he entered the hardware business in Elmira, in partnership with Alfred I. Nichols. Seven months after he bought out the business, and moved his stock of goods into a store he had built on the site where his father's store had burned thirty years before. At this time (1901) he is still in the same business, with Mr. Ransome Bailey as partner. He also carries on a farm of three hundred acres which his father bought forty years ago, and has recently built a new house on the site of the one in which his father lived while a resident of Wellsboro. In 1901 he had been for eight years a director of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, a vestryman of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1893, he was married, in Wellsboro, by Rev. A. W. Snyder, at the home of the bride's grandfather, William Bache, with whom she resided, to Emilie Drew Nichols, of Wellsboro, daughter of Alfred I. and Sarah E. (Bache) Nichols. No children.

314. CHARLES CROZAT CONVERSE⁸ (*Mazcy Manning*⁷ (142), *Dr. Jacob*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Warren, Mass., 7 October 1832. When he had finished a thorough course of classical academic education, his father proposed sending him to Brown University. He preferred, however, to study abroad; and, with his father's consent, he taught music and languages till he was twenty-one years old, when he resigned the professorship which he then held in Spingler Institute, New York City, and the position of organist of Broadway Tabernacle Church, of which he was a member, and went to Germany with the good wishes of Dr. Abbott and those of his other Spingler faculty associates for his scholastic success, and with ample funds for his European study course, funds acquired by teaching, writing, etc. He studied music at the Conservatory of Leipzig, and took a course of instruction in law and philosophy in that city, afterwards going to Berlin for tuition in organ music under Haupt. In Leipzig, he supplemented the regular class-teaching of Professors Papperitz, Plaidy, Hauptmann and Rich-



Charles Crozat Converse.

ter with private lessons from Richter, meanwhile forming the acquaintance of Liszt at Weimar, and Spohr at Cassel, both of whom were interested in his compositions. Spohr was especially interested, and after a critical examination of some of his orchestral pieces in symphonic form, wrote: "He is capable of producing works of the highest character. If he devotes himself to composition, America will no longer need to look to Germany for works of a high class."

In Germany he also found abundant facilities for the study of philology, to which he was early inclined, the fruit of which is manifested by his contributions to the "Standard Dictionary." While abroad he invented the common-gender pronoun, *thon*, since adopted by leading authorities, and incorporated with the vocabulary of the Standard Dictionary, in the compilation of which he also assisted in the department of musical terminology.

On his return to America, he studied law in the office of Judge Jenkins in Albany, N. Y., and took a full course of instruction in law at Albany University, and was graduated there in 1860 with the degree of LL.B., to which was afterward added the honorary degree of LL.D. by Rutherford College, North Carolina.

Prior to 1870 he had law offices in Wall Street, New York City, as counsel in patent cases. His family residence was at 37 So. Portland Ave., Brooklyn. He was at the same time engaged in editorial writing, and also as business counsel for the Reed Organ Company of Carhart & Needham, New York, aiding materially in the increase of their trade. In the second year of this engagement he was invited by Riley Burdett, reed-organ maker, of Chicago, whose factory in that city was destroyed by the great fire, to meet with some Erie, Pa., capitalists who offered to organize a company for making organs in Erie. On conferring with them, he accepted the position of Business Manager of the Burdett Organ Company then formed, taking its capital stock to the extent of nearly one-fifth the whole amount. So successful was the company's business that its first dividend, at the end of a year and a half after beginning manufacturing, was one hundred per cent in cash. Mr. Converse was Business Manager of this company during its whole career of more than twenty years, and became by purchase the largest stockholder; and, during that time, it paid its stockholders dividends to the extent of several times its capital stock. When the company decided to stop manufacturing, it had cash on hand equal to half the amount of its capital stock, did not owe a penny, and possessed a valuable manufacturing plant. This was sold to a bicycle company, in which Mr. Converse also became a

stockholder; but he retired from business at that time in order to engage in literary work and musical composition.

The business success which he attained was accomplished solely by his own efforts and without pecuniary assistance from others.

Soon after his removal to Erie, he became a member of the Erie bar, through the unanimous request of its members to the court, avoiding thereby the necessity of acquiring eligibility by residence.

During his residence in Erie, he was offered nominations for Mayor, and Member of Congress, which his preference for editorial work and musical composition led him to decline, though his interest in public affairs and policies has ever made him ready to discuss on the platform, or set in order with his pen, his views on questions holding public attention.

He was elected Elder of Central Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, in 1867, and of Park Presbyterian Church, Erie, after removing thither.

Mr. Converse's inventive abilities have been evidenced by several useful patented devices, conspicuous among which is a fruit-box that is known at the U. S. Patent Office as the foundation device in its line, and of which, in its original and varied shape, millions are in public use. When Horace Greeley saw this invention at the New York Fair of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, he called it "a flash of genius." He also invented a car heater, for which the Pullman Co.'s foreman claimed priority, but when Mr. Converse was put into interference with him, Mr. Converse's claim was sustained. Among his patents are a railroad nut, car jumper for street-car use, improved sleeping-car, and automatic car coupler.

It is, however, by his musical compositions, and contributions to magazine literature, that Mr. Converse is best known. Six of his German songs have been published in Leipzig, and his concert overture on "Hail Columbia," for full orchestra, in Paris. He edited the two hymnals for the church and Sunday-school, published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, in 1866, and the two published by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond; likewise, the psalmodic collections entitled, respectively, The "Church Singer," "Sweet Singer," and Anthem Book published by the Methodist Book Concern of New York, which also issued a 300-page volume of prose-excerpts, made by him when investigating pronominal literature, entitled, "Sayings of Sages," under the anagram of E. C. Revons. He is the editor of "Silver Wings," a Sunday-school hymnal; "Songs of the Covenant," and the "Standard Hymnal." Among his youthful publications are a juvenile cantata, "Spring Holiday," a guitar method, a school music-book—"Musical Bouquet,"

"Little Songs for Little Singers," and numerous popular little ballads and pieces. His most youthful composition extant is a correctly constructed manuscript melody, bearing the date of his eighth year. He has composed many hymn-tunes, and both the words and music of some hymns. His most widely-used sacred piece is: "What a Friend we have in Jesus," of which it is estimated that over 50,000,000 copies have gone into all the tongues of Christendom. He has set music to the national hymn, written for him by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, beginning "Sound Forth Again the Nation's Voice," which is pronounced by critics worthy of adoption. It was introduced by the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution at their Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia in 1897, and by the Society of Colonial Wars at their annual service in Christ Church, Philadelphia, in the same year. In 1902-3 it was adopted by Vermont Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and included in their ritual.

He composed the music of the international song, "The Anglo-Saxon Alliance," by the German philosopher, Dr. Carus. He composed the music for the ode written for Woburn's 250th anniversary. His concert overture, "Hail Columbia," was first played at the Peace Jubilee in Boston, under the direction of P. S. Gilmore, it being the only American symphonic work chosen for that occasion from many works then offered. It was played at the Columbian Exposition concerts in Chicago under the direction of Theodore Thomas, and subsequently was used by Anton Seidl in New York concerts. His MS. concert overture for full orchestra, "Im Fruhling," was first used by Theodore Thomas in the concerts of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Society, and afterwards by him in New York concerts. The MS. Christmas overture, "The Annunciation," for full orchestra, has been played at a public concert of the Manuscript Society of New York, under the direction of Walter Damrosch. Parts of his sacred cantata on the 126th psalm, composed for soli, chorus and orchestra, were used, under the direction of Theodore Thomas, in 1888, at a concert of the Chicago convention of the Music Teachers' National Association. This work closes with a five-voiced double fugue, on examining which Dr. Sterndale Bennett, the eminent English composer and professor of music at Cambridge University, offered its composer the Cambridge University degree of Doctor of Music, which he declined, fearing that it might prejudice his law clients against him. His large body of music in manuscript includes two symphonies, ten suites and concert overtures, an

oratorio, "The Captivity," and three symphonic poems, all for orchestra. His "Americaine" was rendered by the Exposition Orchestra at St. Louis in 1904.

The Homiletic Review of New York, The American Art Journal of New York, The Monist of Chicago, and leading American weekly periodicals contain his writings on music, one of which, an essay on his tonal theory, entitled "Man's Mother Tone and Tonal Onomatopy," appeared in the Monist for April 1895. In earlier years he wrote editorially for the New York daily and weekly press. He was chosen, by Dr. Gregory of the Homiletic Review, as one of three writers for its musical symposium in April 1899, the other two being Dr. Cuthbert Hall, President Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. McArthur, a leading Baptist writer.

The following is from the Englewood (N. J.) Times of 18 May 1895:

Hon. C. Crozat Converse has been honored by Rutherford College, North Carolina, at the present spring meeting of its Senate, with the degree of Doctor of Laws, because of his acquisitions in the sciences of law and philology. Doctor Converse already had the scholastic degree of Bachelor of Laws, taken at Albany University. He is often called Judge, having taken an appointment of County Judge when he first went West. It is gratifying to see so exclusive and exacting a Southern College as Rutherford extend this degree to a Northern scientist.

The following is from the 19th April 1899 issue of the Christian Observer of Louisville, Ky.:

The story of the hymn beginning

"What a friend we have in Jesus"

and of the tune which is now universally sung to it, is very interesting. Many years ago a Brooklyn Sunday school superintendent came into the business office of Charles C. Converse, then in New York City, and while drawing from his pocket a parcel of briefs, dropped upon the floor a slip of paper containing the words of this hymn. As he picked it up he exclaimed, "If I could but have music to these words!" Dr. Converse was impressed with them, ruled a sheet of letter paper with lines for musical notation, and under a sweet inspiration produced in a quarter of an hour the tune which has thrilled so many hearts. The superintendent believed the words to be those of Bonar, and the hymn and tune were first published under the name of Bonar and Converse, as their respective authors. But Dr. Bonar wrote to say that the hymn was not his. And it has since been ascribed to Mr. Scriven. The music which Dr. C. C. Converse wrote has been very much

admired, and published in almost all the recent hymn books. This incident may serve to correct a misapprehension as to the authorship of the words.

Much valuable assistance was given by Dr. Converse in the collection of the genealogical data and family history for the record herein of the descendants of Dr. Jacob Converse.

While studying in Leipzig, an invitation was accepted from the parents of his "best pupil," Miss Lida Lewis, to whom he had been affianced before beginning



Mrs. Lida (Lewis) Converse.

study there, to spend a vacation at their home in Gainesville, Ala., and, as a not unnatural consequence, he returned to Germany with her as his wife after a royal Southern wedding. They were married, 14 January 1858, by Rev. Charles A. Stillman, of Gainesville, Presbyterian pastor, at her father's residence in Gainesville. She was christened Eliza Jane Lewis, but her name was always written "Lida Lewis," and after marriage she usually signed herself Lida Lewis Converse. Her father, William Martin Lewis, was the founder of Gainesville, naming it after his intimate friend, General Gaines, U. S. A., and he donated to the town a church and seminary; but the Civil War stripped him (a Union man) of his large wealth. One

of the ancestors of Mrs. Converse was one of the two regicides who fleeing from England at the Restoration, secreted themselves in a cave near New Haven, Conn. Her mother was Aurelia Hiley Axtell of the family of Rt. Hon. Col. Axtell, P. C., representative of King George III in the American colonies, whose residence, Melrose Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., was the finest one on Long Island. This mansion is still in good condition. In the same line was the Col. Axtel mentioned in Hume's History of England as the officer who guarded the court which tried and condemned Charles I.

Since Mr. Converse's retirement from business in Erie in 1891, the family have resided in Highwood, Bergen Co., N. J.

Children of Charles Crozat and Lida (Lewis) Converse:

CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS CONVERSE,⁹ born, in New York City, 10 Aug. 1864; died 29 July 1865.

CLARENCE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Brooklyn, L. I., 12 Feb. 1867; married 8 June 1897, by

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Rev. John Huske, of St. Thomas P. E. Church, New York City, to Inez Elizabeth Morand. She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 3 March 1870, daughter of William



Clarence Converse.



Inez (Morand) Converse.

Augustus Morand, the well-known artist, of New York. Her mother was Marie Antoinette George, of the family of Henry George, the political economist. Clarence Converse resides at Highwood, Bergen Co., N. J. He is an author, and his pen name is "Conyers." His humorous writings in *Life*, *Puck*, the *New York Sun*, etc., were collected and published in 1899 by the New York publisher, R. H. Russell, under the title "Mr. Isolate of Lonelyville." He is a genuine, genial, humorous writer, and all he writes is eagerly taken by the leading papers. He was christened Clarence Love Converse, but not liking the name of Love, he has for years signed himself C. Conyers Converse or Conyers C. Converse.

315. CHARLOTTE A. CONVERSE⁸ (*Maxcy Manning*⁷(142), *Dr. Jacob*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Westfield, Mass., 21 June 1839. She married in Goshen, Ind., 21 June 1859, Judge Robert Lowry. Judge Lowry was then engaged in the practice of the law. He had been, and was again afterward, Circuit Judge, and subsequently Judge of the Superior Court of Allen County, the county in which the city of Fort Wayne is situated. He served in all sixteen years on the bench, and afterward represented the Fort Wayne district in Congress. He is now again engaged in the practice of the law at Fort Wayne.

Judge and Mrs. Lowry resided in Goshen from the time of their marriage until 1867 when they removed to their present home, Fort Wayne, which was then included in the same judicial circuit in which the Judge was then presiding.

In her girlhood Miss Charlotte attended school in Elmira, New York, where the family then lived, and her education was completed at a girls' seminary in Goshen, Orange Co., New York. She resided with her parents in Elmira from the

time she was one year old until her marriage. During her married life she has been a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian denomination is that to which the family of her husband also belong.

Children:

LIDA CONVERSE LOWRY,⁹ married Prof. Melvin A. Brannon, who occupies the chair of biology in the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry have a daughter, born about 1897, named for her maternal grandmothers, ELEANOR CHARLOTTE BRANNON.¹⁰

CHARLOTTE CONVERSE LOWRY,⁹ married H. Brook Sale, Secretary and Treasurer of the New Long Distance Telephone Co., of Indiana, at Indianapolis.

316. ELEANOR ROBINSON CONVERSE⁸ (*Capt. Lorenzo*⁷ (143), *Dr. Jacob*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in New Braintree, Mass., 1 January 1842; married there, 11 November 1863, Rev. Charles Sylvester Brooks, who was born there 19 January 1840, son of Charles Hoar and Nancy (Damon) Brooks of New Braintree (both born in Westminster, Mass.). Mr. Brooks was graduated from Amherst College in 1863, and from Andover Theological Seminary 1869. He held pastorates in Tyngsborough, Mass., from 1869 to 1872; in So. Deerfield, Mass., from 1873 to 1877; in Putnam, Conn., from 1877 to 1887; in Fitchburg, Mass. (Rollstone Congregational Church), from 1887 to 1896. He was called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Mount Vernon, N.Y., in 1898, but after a brief service was obliged, by ill health, to terminate his work there. He has now (1901) so far recovered health as to supply churches temporarily. His present residence is Wellesley, Mass.

Children of Charles Sylvester and Eleanor Robinson (Converse) Brooks:

WALLACE LORENZO BROOKS,⁹ born in Rockland, Mass., 14 Oct. 1865; died in Tyngsborough, Mass., 11 Dec. 1870.

JOSEPHINE DAMON BROOKS,⁹ born in Tyngsborough, Mass., 28 Jan. 1872; was graduated from Wellesley College in 1895; now (1901) teacher of French in Northampton, Mass., High School.

CHARLES CONVERSE BROOKS,⁹ born in So. Deerfield, Mass., 26 Feb. 1874; was graduated from Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass., in 1895; is a mechanical engineer in the employ of John A. Mead & Co., Rutland, Vt., builders of conveyor machinery. Residence, Rutland, Vt. He married in Burlington, Vt., 22 Dec. 1897, Ida Mae Roleau, born in Williston, Vt., 23 March 1868, daughter of Duncan Alexander Roleau, born in Williston, Vt., 9 Aug. 1836. Her grandfather was Amos Roleaux, who was born in Marseilles, France, and came to New Orleans, La., after the fall of Napoleon, of whose bodyguard he had been one, with wife and family. The sons separated and went in different directions. Mrs. Ida Mae (Roleau) Brooks' grandfather went to Canada, and married there, his wife having come from Paris, where she was born, to live with an aunt in Canada. Mrs. Ida Mae (Roleau) Brook's

mother was born in Colchester, Vt., 4 July 1842. Mrs. Brooks' grandfather, David Loren Sharpley, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept., 1811. His wife was Sophia Smith, born in Ireland in 1811.

EDWIN MILLER BROOKS,⁹ born in Putnam, Conn., 24 Dec. 1878; was graduated at Amherst College in 1899; taught school at Stamford, Conn., one year; entered Harvard Law School in 1900, where he is now (1901) a student. Residence, Wellesley, Mass.

317. JOSIAH CLARK CONVERSE⁸ (*Capt. Lorenzo⁷(143), Dr. Jacob,⁶ Lieut. Jacob,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in New Braintree, Mass., 12 August 1843; served in the Northern Army in Company F, 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment. He enlisted on the 4th of July 1861, and was discharged on the 28th of July 1864. He was in the Battle of Ball's Bluff, and in nearly all the battles of the Peninsula campaign, beginning with the siege of Yorktown in April 1862, and ending with the close of the seven days' battles in the vicinity of Richmond about the 1st of July 1862. He was wounded at Antietam, and on account of his wound was away from his regiment until December 1863. He was with his regiment in the spring and summer campaign of 1864, beginning with the Battle of the Wilderness the 5th of May, and ending in front of Petersburg the 22d of June. This last included a series of battles near Spottsylvania Court House, and the Battle of Cold Harbor. He was taken prisoner near Petersburg, Va., 22 June 1864, and was moved to Libby Prison, whence, however, he was very soon liberated on parole. Not long after he returned with his regiment, and with his regiment was discharged in July 1864. In 1901 resided in North Brookfield, Mass., where, for eleven years, he had been chosen a member of the Board of Assessors. On 30 November 1870 he married, in Watertown, Mass., Ruth Ann Whitney, born in Watertown, Mass., 7 October 1845; died in North Brookfield, Mass., 23 October 1886. Mrs. Converse's mother was Martha G. (Collins) Whitney. Her father was Charles Whitney, a native of Watertown, Mass., where he lived most of his life. The last six years of his life was spent in Duxbury, Mass., where he died.

Children of Josiah Clark and Ruth Ann (Whitney) Converse:

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Braintree, Mass., 14 May 1872; was graduated at Normal School, Westfield, Mass., in 1899; now (1901), a teacher in the public school in Chicopee Falls, Mass.

MARTHA ALICE CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Braintree, Mass., 6 Oct. 1873; teacher in public school in Paxton, Mass.

LORENZO CONVERSE,⁹ born, in New Braintree. 29 Dec. 1875; a mechanician; resides in No. Brookfield, Mass.

JANE RUTH CONVERSE,⁹ born in No. Brookfield, Mass., 23 Sept. 1877.

INEZ WHITNEY CONVERSE,⁸ born in No. Brookfield, Mass., 13 July 1879.

MAXCY CHARLES CONVERSE,⁹ born, in No. Brookfield, 24 Oct. 1885.

318. DR. JAMES HENRY CONVERSE⁸ (*Thomas Jefferson*⁷(147), *Capt. James*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chestertown, N. Y., 15 March 1842; attended private school at Pottersville, N. Y., for six years until eighteen years of age. He served two years in the Union Army in the Civil War; enlisting as a private at Glens Falls, N. Y., 8 May 1861 in Co. E, 22nd N. Y. Volunteers. He was wounded at South Mount, Md., 14 September. He was mustered out at Albany, N. Y., 19 June 1863. In September of the same year he removed to Chicago and entered the postal service as mail clerk, and did most of the preliminary work which has made the U. S. postal car service what it is, opening the first route under the R. R. mail system. He was head clerk on the Dixon Division of the Northwestern R. R., which was the first route opened in the United States. He was transferred to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and opened the route on that line. He was then transferred to the Ill. Central R. R. and opened that route. In 1867 he was transferred to the Eastern Division, and worked on the New York Central R. R., making Troy, N. Y., his home until 1880. While in the mail service he studied dentistry with E. J. Young of Troy, and was graduated in dentistry at Albany, N. Y., in 1878, receiving diploma by examination from State Censor of New York as master of dental surgery. He also studied medicine. He resigned from the mail service in 1876. He was graduated in medicine at the U. S. Medical College in New York City in 1880, and in that year removed from Troy to Danville, Ill., where he has since resided and practised. Since 1890 he has been a member of the Danville city government as alderman of the 6th Ward. He married, 7 September 1866, Margaret Romine, daughter of William Harrison and Louisa Jane (Busey) Romine of Urbana, Ill.

Children:

SARAH LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Champaign City, Ill., 29 April 1867; married Charles Addison Squire. Residence, Indianapolis, Ind. They have one child: MARGARET ELIZABETH SQUIRE.¹⁰

LIZZIE CONVERSE,⁹ born in W. Troy, N. Y., 23 Sept. 1869; died in August 1871.

MARY AUGUSTA CONVERSE,⁹ born in W. Troy, N. Y., 19 May 1873.

CHARLES ROMINE CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 Oct. 1875; died 17 Oct. 1879.

JAMES HOWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 17 March 1889.

319. CALISTA CONVERSE⁸ (*Josiah*⁷(149), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 20 May 1808; died in Willington, Conn., 28 July 1896. She was bright and attractive;

and, in her old age, a well-preserved woman. It was said of her that "she had good common sense, which many lack." She was married, 26 November 1829, to Origen Sparks of Willington, Conn., who was born, in that town, 23 June 1800, and died there 2 April 1852. He was a farmer and carpenter; his church relations were Baptist. He came of a family of marked intelligence and culture. His brother, Jared Sparks, a graduate of Harvard College, was a Unitarian minister in Baltimore, President of Harvard College, a distinguished scholar and historian, author of a life of George Washington, said to have been the best then published.

Children of Origen and Calista (Converse) Sparks:

- JOSEPHINE CALISTA SPARKS,⁹ born in Eastford, Conn., 10 Oct. 1830; died in Willington, Conn., 29 Aug. 1854; married, Nov. 1852, Waldo Johnston, teacher, of Willington.
- MARIA LOUISA SPARKS,⁹ born in Eastford, Conn., 23 Jan. 1833; died in Willington, Conn., 29 March 1851.
- HENRY ORIGEN SPARKS,⁹ born, in Eastford, 17 Sept. 1835; teacher; married, 21 April 1870, Jennie Nye, daughter of Crocker Nye of Rockville, Conn. No children.
- CALEB BURNHAM SPARKS⁹ (twin), born in Willington, Conn., 8 Oct. 1838; died there 3 Oct. 1852.
- CELENDIA MCCOY SPARKS⁹ (twin), born in Willington, Conn., 8 Oct. 1838; died 4 March 1883.
- JOSIAH CONVERSE SPARKS,⁹ born, in Willington, 16 May 1841; residence, Willington; farmer; married, 25 Oct. 1870, Lizzie Hale, daughter of William Hale, farmer, of Glastenbury, Conn. No children.
- JULIA CATHERINE SPARKS,⁹ born, in Willington, 9 Dec. 1843; married, 23 Nov. 1870, Albert King, farmer, of Mansfield, Conn.; residence, Mansfield. No children.
- MARIAN BRAIDFOOT SPARKS,⁹ born, in Willington, 24 Nov. 1846; never married. Church relation, Baptist. The descendants of Josiah Converse⁷ generally are affiliated with this denomination. She is a very intelligent and highly respected lady, and in the compilation of a portion of this record has rendered valuable assistance, which is here gratefully acknowledged.

320. CELENDIA ALDEN CONVERSE⁸ (*Josiah*⁷(149), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 21 September 1809; died in Marion, Ill., 7 January 1882; educated at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and graduated at Charlestown (Mass.) Female Seminary. She married, 30 April 1838, Isaac McCoy, who was born in Clark Co., Indiana, 12 February 1809. He was graduated at Hanover (Indiana) College. He died in Marion, Ill., in January 1882. About one month after marriage Mr. and Mrs. McCoy removed to Marion, Williamson Co., Ill. Both were teachers for many years.

Children of Isaac and Celenda Alden (Converse) McCoy:

- CELENDIA JANE MCCOY,⁹ born in Aurora, Ind., 10 March 1840; married, 25 June 1862,

- Benjamin Franklin Pease, a farmer, who was born in Binghamton, N. Y. He was educated in the St. Louis (Mo.) Medical College, and became a physician. Children:
- MARY JANE PEASE,¹⁰ b. in Crab Orchard, Ill., 31 May 1863; married, 24 Dec. 1882, Francis Marion Sparks, merchant, of Illinois, who was born in Marion, Ill., 19 April 1840. Had:
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SPARKS,¹¹ b. in Marion, Ill., 4 Jan. 1884.
 FRANCIS BEST SPARKS,¹¹ b., in Marion, 16 Sept. 1886.
 JESSIE LENORE SPARKS,¹¹ b. 11 Sept. 1889; d. 12 Oct. 1892.
 GWINN MCCOY SPARKS,¹¹ b., in Marion, 18 May 1892.
 HENRY CLEMENT SPARKS,¹¹ b., in Marion, 24 Sept. 1896.
- CHESTER ISAAC PEASE,¹⁰ b. in Crab Orchard, Ill., 26 May 1865; educated at the University of Illinois; was graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago, and practised medicine. He married, 29 March 1888, Ada Gent, who was born in Carbondale, Ill. Children:
- EMORY BROOKS PEASE,¹¹ b. in Marion, Ill., April 1889.
 ELMER CLAUD PEASE,¹¹ b. in Carterville, Ill., 9 Feb. 1891.
 CLARENCE SELKIRK PEASE,¹¹ b., in Marion, 8 Feb. 1893.
 VERA GENT PEASE,¹¹ b. in Linn Grove, Ia., 18 May 1895.
 ETHEL PEASE,¹¹ b. in Linn Grove, Ia., 21 June 1897.
- CHARLES HENRY PEASE,¹⁰ b. in Williamson Co., Ill., 22 June 1867; educated at University of Illinois; graduate of North Western University Law School of Chicago; lawyer; married, 22 May 1892, Maggie Clark of Bethany, Ill. Children:
- RUSSELL LOWELL PEASE,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 4 April 1895; d. 4 Sept. 1895.
 FLETA PEASE,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 1 July 1896.
- CELENDIA ALDEN PEASE,¹⁰ b. in Williamson Co., Ill., 2 Sept. 1874; educated at Ewing College, Ewing, Ill., and in the Chicago Business College; stenographer.
- ISAAC CONVERSE HOLMES MCCOY,⁹ born in Willington, Conn., 13 Sept. 1842; died there 19 April 1844.
- ALFRED BENNETT MCCOY,⁹ born in Marion, Ill., 19 July 1851; educated at Shurtleff, Ill., College; farmer; married, 18 Sept. 1876, Clara Elizabeth Morrison, of Willington, Conn., who was born, in Willington, 3 May 1853, and who was educated at a young ladies' boarding school in Everett, Mass. Children:
- HATTIE CARPENTER MCCOY,¹⁰ b., in Marion, Ill., 25 July 1877.
 GEORGE LEWIS MCCOY,¹⁰ b., in Marion, 18 Feb. 1879.
 WALTER MORRISON MCCOY,¹⁰ b., in Marion, 24 Nov. 1880.
 JOHN EDWARD MCCOY,¹⁰ b., in Marion, 9 June 1888.

321. ALMEDA CONVERSE⁸ (*Solva*⁷(153), *Solvin*,⁹ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 13 April 1813; married, 20 March 1836, Lucius Heber Whiton, of Stafford, born in Stafford about 1812, son of Heber Whiton. Lucius H. Whiton was a farmer and a builder. Mrs. Almeda (Converse) Whiton was educated at Monson Academy. She and her husband were highly respected. Both died in Stafford, Mr. Whiton, 7 November 1856, and his widow, 15 February 1893.

Children, all born in Stafford, Conn.:

ANDREW WHITON,⁹ born 30 Dec. 1838; merchant; married, 1st, 1 July 1862, Ruth E. Waldo of Tolland, Conn., who was born about 1840 and who died in Tolland 26 Nov. 1894. He married, 2nd, in Lafayette, Ind., 20 May 1896, Hannah Allen.

ADELINE FRANCES WHITON,⁹ born 9 July 1840; married, 27 May 1863, Edwin Nelson Washburn, of Stafford. Children, all born in Stafford:

BLANCH WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 25 Jan. 1866; d., in Stafford, 15 Sept. 1866.

WILLIAM EUGENE WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 21 Dec. 1866; d., in Stafford, 31 Jan. 1868.

JENNIE BLANCH WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 21 June 1869; d., in Stafford, 6 July 1869.

INFANT,¹⁰ b. 11 May 1871; d., in Stafford, 3 June 1871.

MYRENE ALMEDA WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 9 Jan. 1873; attended High School.

FLORENCE BELL WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 22 Feb. 1875; attended High School.

INFANT DAUGHTER,¹⁰ b. 10 May 1877; d., in Stafford, 27 June 1877.

HANNAH WHITON,⁹ born 10 Sept. 1845; married, 19 Oct. 1871, James Madison Lord, of Stafford, son of John K. and — (Spelman) Lord.

ESTHER WHITON,⁹ born 24 Aug. 1848; married, 23 Nov. 1870, Albert C. Eaton, druggist at Stafford Spa. Children, all born in Stafford:

LUCIUS L. EATON,¹⁰ b. 11 Jan. 1872; m., 22 Nov. 1899, Blanch Ramsden, who was born in Stafford.

ALBERT L. EATON,¹⁰ b. 20 May 1878.

EVA GERTRUDE EATON,¹⁰ b. 8 Aug. 1887.

322. ORRIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Solva*⁷ (153), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Stafford, 5 May 1822; educated at Wilbraham Academy; residence, Stafford Springs; woolen manufacturer, interested in the Mineral Springs Manufacturing Co. at Stafford Spa, where he obtained a practical knowledge of the business and became active in the manufacturing department. He was thoroughly competent, reliable and industrious, and a worthy citizen, enjoying the confidence of the people. He married, first, 2 October 1843, Mary Etta Smith, who was born in Stafford, 20 October 1823, and died there 5 October 1876. Mr. Converse married, second, 18 September 1878, Nellie Augusta Forbes, of East Hartford, Conn., who was born, in East Hartford, 18 October 1835.



Orrin Converse.

Children of Orrin and Mary Etta (Smith) Converse, all born in Stafford, Conn.

REUBEN SOLVA CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Oct. 1845; machinist; married, 15 April 1874, Mary Jane Patrick of Wilton, Conn., born 28 July 1848, and had:

HARRY ORRIN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 28 June 1875.

MARY ELIZA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 16 Dec. 1879; d. in 1887.

HOWARD E. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 10 May 1882.

MARY ANNETTE CONVERSE,⁹ born 5 Aug. 1853; married 29 Oct. 1872, Louis Kossuth Lord, who was born 31 Dec. 1851. He is President of the Parker National Bank of Parker, So. Dakota. One daughter, LOUVETTA LORD,¹⁰ born, in Stafford, Aug. 1881; died July 1882.

ANNE FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 July 1856; married, 2 July 1888, Frederick Lorenzo Clisky, Cashier Parker National Bank, of Parker, So. Dakota. Children:

STYLIA CONVERSE CLISKY,¹⁰ b. in Parker, So. Dakota, 28 Nov. 1890.

FLORENCE ALDEN CLISKY,¹⁰ b. in Parker, So. Dakota, 18 April 1896.

323. JOSIAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Solva*⁷ (153), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴



Josiah Converse.

Samuel,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Stafford, 13 February 1824; died in Stafford Spa, 15 January 1901. He was educated at Wilbraham Academy. His residence was in Stafford Springs, Conn., where for many years he was connected with the Mineral Springs Co., in which he was interested with his brothers Orrin and Julius. Finally, selling his interest to them, he engaged in farming to a limited extent near his home. He married, October 1862, Elizabeth C. Orcutt, of Stafford, who was born 1 July 1833.

Children, who were born and died and were buried in Stafford:

ADELINE ALMEDA CONVERSE,⁹ b. 5 Sept. 1863; d. 31 Dec. 1864.

LENA MABEL CONVERSE,⁹ b. 29 April 1868; d. 5 Jan. 1895.

WILFRED ESTEN CONVERSE,⁹ b. 29 April 1872; d. 11 Dec. 1887.

324. JULIUS CONVERSE⁸ (*Solva*⁷ (153), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Stafford, Conn., 1 March 1827; died, in Stafford Springs, 7 June 1892, and was buried in the village cemetery. He received education at academical schools in Warren, Mass., and Ellington, Conn. He was a successful and prominent manufacturer of satinets and wool cassimeres in Stafford Springs. He was a genial and honorable man; an expert in the business in which he was engaged. He greatly enjoyed meeting his friends, and ever looked on the bright side of life. He was a capital business manager, as was also his brother Orrin, who had a thorough practical knowledge of the manufacturing department.



Julius Converse.

Julius Converse was also prominent in political affairs. He was at one time a member of the Connecticut Legislature, and held other public positions. Mr. Converse married, 11 June 1854, Myra C. Lord of Stafford, who resides where he died. Their children who died were buried in Stafford Springs; their eight children were all born there.

Children of Julius and Myra C. (Lord) Converse:

LILLIA A. CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Dec. 1856; married, 13 Oct. 1880, William Lee, Superintendent of Woolen Mill in Stafford. Children, all born in Stafford:

EUGENIA CONVERSE LEE,¹⁰ b. 23 Dec. 1882.

RALPH LEE,¹⁰ b. 8 July 1885.

HOWARD LEE,¹⁰ b. 15 May 1887.

ARTHUR LEE,¹⁰ b. 3 July 1890.

MARION LEE,¹⁰ b. 10 Jan. 1892.

JESSE LEE,¹⁰ b. 26 Dec. 1893.

HARRIET LEE,¹⁰ b. 24 Sept. 1895.

FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁹ born 2 Sept. 1858; died 19 Nov. 1858.

BYRON L. CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 Feb. 1860; died 12 Oct. 1863.

EUGENIA HOVEY CONVERSE,⁹ born 2 Jan. 1861; married Alvin B. Mathews, and had:

GERTRUDE MATHEWS,¹⁰ b., in Stafford, 2 April 1887; d. same day.

LOUISA MATHEWS,¹⁰ b., in Stafford, 20 June 1888.

JULIUS CARL CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 April 1863. He was interested in his father's woolen mill, but before 1900 practically retired from business. Shortly before 1900 he was a member of the Connecticut Legislature, and was a prominent member of a special committee which devoted between one and two years to an investigation of the cost and salaries of court officials—of much importance to the State. He married, 3 June 1896, Edith Clara Baker of Stafford. One son, JULIUS KINGSLEY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Stafford, 28 July 1897.

LOUIS S. CONVERSE,⁹ born 4 June 1868; merchant in Salem, Ohio.

WILLIAM W. CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 June 1870; died 13 Sept. 1870.

EDDIE G. CONVERSE,⁹ born 7 Feb. 1873; died 20 April 1873.



Julius Carl Converse.

325. HANNAH BLODGETT CONVERSE⁸ (*Solva*⁷(153), *Solvin*,⁸ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 12 January 1829. She received education at Wilbraham Academy. Her residence was Stafford Springs, Conn. She married, 7 June 1854, Marcius Howland Washburn, of Stafford, who was born 22 April 1824, and died, in Staf-

ford, 7 June 1892. He was a son of Capt. Seth Washburn of Stafford, and had an iron foundry in Jersey City, N. J.

Children of Marcius Howland and Hannah Blodgett (Converse) Washburn:

- ELROY SOLVA WASHBURN,⁹ born in Jersey City, N. J., 3 Oct. 1855; married, 12 Feb. 1878, Lucella C. Hadden, born 20 Nov. 1857. Children:
 GRACE EDNA WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 15 Nov. 1878.
 ANNETTE CONVERSE WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 24 Sept. 1883.
 ALLEY FRASER WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 13 Sept. 1885.
 HELEN WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 2 Sept. 1889; d. 16 Dec. 1894.
 DOROTHY WASHBURN,¹⁰ b. 1 Oct. 1892; d. 28 Aug. 1893.
 ELROY SOLVA WASHBURN,¹⁰ JR., b. 10 March 1898.
- LUCIUS WHITON WASHBURN,⁹ born, in Jersey City, 12 Oct. 1856; married, 12 Feb. 1878, Amelia Ann Prescott. Daughter: HANNAH CAMILLE WASHBURN,¹⁰ born, in Stafford, 30 Aug. 1884.
- GEORGE CONVERSE WASHBURN,⁹ born, in Jersey City, 20 Nov. 1857; died 22 May 1859.
 GEORGE ALFRED WASHBURN,⁹ born, in Jersey City, 1 Oct. 1859; died 31 July 1861.
 DRAPER WASHBURN,⁹ born, in Jersey City, 2 Feb. 1861; died 21 July 1861.
 GEORGIANA ALMEDA WASHBURN,⁹ born, in Jersey City, 19 Sept. 1862.

326. JUDITH BESTER CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (154), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 9 November 1817; died, in West Stafford, 20 July 1846; educated at Wilbraham Academy; married, in Stafford, 30 June 1835, by Rev. Leonard B. Griffin, to Henry Gay, farmer, of West Stafford, who was born 29 March 1806, and who died, in West Stafford, 5 July 1848, son of Capt. David Gay and grandson of Col. Ebenezer Gay.

Children of Henry and Judith Bester (Converse) Gay, all born in West Stafford:

- AMELIA MINERVA GAY,⁹ born 8 Feb. 1838; married, 25 May 1870, Chester John Holmes⁸ of West Stafford, who was first a coal merchant, and later engaged in ranching in Redlands, Cal. His line was John Holmes,¹ David Holmes,² Senior, Josiah Holmes,³ David Holmes,⁴ 3d, John Holmes⁵, Chester John Holmes⁶. His relationship to Oliver Wendell Holmes is shown in line of Mrs. Sarah (Holmes) Converse under head of Solvin Converse⁸ (page 109). Chester John and Amelia Minerva (Gay) Holmes have son:
- BERNESE GAY HOLMES,¹⁰ b. 26 June 1872; married in St. Davids, Pa., 1 Nov. 1898, Blanche Walton of Haddonfield, N. J. They reside in Redlands, Cal., and have one child, ALDEN WALTON HOLMES,¹¹ b. in Redlands, 16 Oct. 1899.
- EMILY ANTHUSA GAY,⁹ born 30 Aug. 1839; died 1 Aug. 1840.
- HENRY BIRNEY GAY,⁹ born 26 April 1843; educated at Wilbraham Academy; married in Stafford Spa, by Rev. A. W. Ide, 15 May 1864, to Eliza A. Winter, who was born, in Stafford, 19 March 1846, daughter of Lorenzo Gardner Winter of Stafford. Henry Birney Gay was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in Philadelphia, Pa., 8 Dec. 1880. His widow resides in Vineland, N. J. Children:

ARTHUR HENRY GAY,¹⁰ b., in Stafford Spa, 26 Feb. 1865; died in Los Angeles, Cal., 24 Nov. 1880.

EDWARD ALDEN GAY,¹⁰ b., in Stafford Spa, 8 Nov. 1867; married in Washington, D. C., 17 March 1896, Indiana Estelle McPherson, who was born in Washington. They have two children, viz:

DOROTHY GAY,¹¹ b., in Washington, 30 April 1897, and HELEN GAY,¹¹ b. in New York City, 29 Aug. 1899.

MAURICE CONVERSE GAY,¹⁰ b. in Danville, N. Y., 25 Feb. 1872.

327. EMELINE CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷(154), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 14 March 1820; died there 28 March 1860; married 13 October 1841, by Rev. L.W. Blood, Henry Thrall of Stafford Springs, who was born in Vernon, Conn., 16 July 1817. Mr. Thrall married, second, 14 January 1861, Mrs. Minerva (Converse) Tuthill, sister of his first wife. Mr. Thrall first engaged in the leather business in Stafford Springs, having a tannery. Subsequently he was in Boston, a commission merchant, for the sale of woolen goods, until his health failed, when he traveled for several years in the south and in California. He died in Colorado Springs, Col., 20 December 1880.

Children of Henry and Emeline (Converse) Thrall:

INFANT DAUGHTER,⁹ born and died 2 Sept. 1845.

EMILY JUDITH THRALL,⁹ born, in Stafford, 26 Dec. 1846; unmarried; residence with her sister, 63 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, Mass.

MARIA LOISE THRALL,⁹ born, in Stafford, 19 Dec. 1848; married, 17 May 1873, George B. Furgerson, who was born, in Scotland, 14 March 1846. He is connected with a wholesale and importing dry-goods house in San Francisco, Cal.

MINERVA J. THRALL,⁹ born, in Stafford, 4 Sept. 1851; unmarried; with her sister Emily and Nellie, resided at No. 63 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, Mass. The following notice of her death in Springfield, 18 March 1901, is from the "Press" of Stafford Spa. 21 March, 1901:

Miss Minnie J. Thrall, 48, died at her home in Springfield, 63 Magnolia Terrace, Monday, of paralysis of the heart. She was taken ill Friday, but her condition improved Saturday, and her death came as a surprise and a shock to her relatives and friends. Miss Thrall was born in this town and lived here until about six years ago, when she removed to Springfield. While here she was an active member of the M. E. Church, and after her removal united with Trinity Church in Springfield, where she was identified with the charitable work of the organization, and at the time of her death was one of the trustees of the Hampden homeopathic hospital. The funeral was held from her late home in Springfield this forenoon, and the body is to be brought here for burial in the Stafford Springs Cemetery today.

NELLIE E. THRALL,⁹ born, in Stafford, 5 April 1853; unmarried; residence, 63 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, Mass.

LAURA E. THRALL,⁹ born, in Stafford, 14 March 1860; died 13 May 1860.

328. LAURA ALDEN CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷(154), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign*

Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹), born in Stafford Springs, Conn., 3 March 1823; educated at Wilbraham Academy; married in Stafford Springs, 9 May 1844, by Rev. Warren Emerson, to Benjamin Wells Patten of Stafford. She resided in 1900 at Overbrook, Philadelphia, with her daughter,



Mrs. Laura Alden (Converse) Patten.



Benjamin Wells Patten.

Mrs. Skinner. She is a member of Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Benjamin Wells Patten was born in Stafford, 15 August 1815, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Wells) Patten. He died 10 June 1880, and his remains were buried at Stafford Springs. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Stafford. He always resided in that place and was one of the founders of the town. He was a successful woolen manufacturer, succeeding Parley Converse as manager of the Converseville Co. Woolen Mills in 1866. He was descended from Capt. Hezekiah Wells, from Capt. Ammi Trumbull, and from Major John Mason.

JOHN MASON, the first Major-General of Militia of New England, was born in the Dutch Netherlands about 1600. He had a military training. He is supposed to have been a member of the Dorchester Immigration of 1630. In 1632 he was sent with twenty men to break up a gang of pirates, and for his services was made a Captain. In 1634 he was on a committee to select sites for forts to protect Boston Harbor. He settled in Windsor in 1635, and for his success in crushing the Pequots in the famous "Swamp Fight," where nearly six hundred Indians were killed and wounded, the General Court, in 1637, in Hartford, created him "the Military officer for the Plantations of Connecticut," a position which he held for thirty-five years, first as Captain, then as Major. He was the only Major in the Colony. No man of his time was as highly appreciated for military skill and statesmanship combined.

He was a founder of Windsor, Saybrook, Norwich and Dorchester. He was tall and portly, and "full of martial bravery and vigor." He resided in the colony of Connecticut from 1630 to 1672, and died in Norwich in the year last mentioned, aged seventy-two years. He was twice married. He was a member of the Legislature and of the Board of Commissioners of the United Colonies. For eighteen years, 1642-1659, he was elected Magistrate. In 1660 he was chosen Deputy Governor and served ten years in that capacity. He was one of the charter proprietors of Connecticut. He was assistant to the Governor three years, 1669-1671; Commissioner to the Congress of the United Colonies in 1647-1654-1655-1656-1659 and 1661. Four children were born to him by his first wife. In 1639-40 he married Anne Peck, his second wife. He left seven children, including a daughter, Isabel, by his first wife. Isabel Mason married, 17 June 1658, John Bissell, Jr., who died in 1693. Eight children were born to them, including Jeremiah Bissell, who was born 22 Feb. 1677; removed to Lebanon, thence to Coventry, was made Captain; was first settler in Coventry. On 27 Nov. 1692, or 18 or 19 Dec., 1705, he married Mehitable White, sister of Captain Daniel White, and had daughter, Mabel Bissell, born 16 Jan. 1708. She married Lamson Wells and died a widow, aged 77 years. Hezekiah Wells, born 25 June 1736, son of Lamson Wells and Mabel Bissell, married Sarah Trumbull, daughter of Ammi and Sarah (Gaylord) Trumbull. Hezekiah and Sarah (Trumbull) Wells had daughter, Sally Wells who was born 6 March 1786, and married Benjamin Patten of Stafford, who died, 9 Aug. 1854, aged 76. She died 26 June 1834, aged 48. Benjamin and Sally (Wells) Patten had son, Benjamin Wells Patten, born 15 Aug. 1815; married Laura Alden Converse 9 May 1844.

(Early Puritan Settlers, Vol. 2, page 50. Early Puritan Settlers of Connecticut, pages 236, 237, 238. Savage, Vol. 1, p. 187; Vol. 2, p. 79. Caulkins' History of Norwich. Old Houses of Norwich, p. 532; Ancient Windsor, p. 77; Vol. 2, pp. 784, 785. Colonial Records.)

The descent of Mrs Sarah (Trumbull) Wells,⁴ (*Capt. Ammi Trumbull*,³ *Ammi Trumbull*,² *Joseph Trumbull*¹), from Joseph Trumbull was as follows:

JOSEPH TRUMBULL,¹ came from New Castle on Tyne, England, about 1637; died 1657, at Rowley, Mass.; married, 1650, Ann, widow of Mighill Hopkinson.

AMMI TRUMBULL,² son of Joseph Trumbull (grandfather of Governor Trumbull) and Hannah Smith. He married Ann Burnham and had:

AMMI TRUMBULL,³ CAPT., first cousin of Governor Trumbull (Brother Jonathan), married Sarah Gaylord, and had:

SARAH TRUMBULL,⁴ married Capt. Hezekiah Wells.

Benjamin Wells and Laura Alden (Converse) Patten had one daughter:

SARAH AMANDA PATTEN,⁵ born in Stafford Springs, 5 May 1850. She was educated at

Curtis Boarding School, Hartford, Conn., and Maplewood Institute, Pittsfield, Mass., from which she was graduated. She was married, in Stafford Springs, 17 July 1873, by Rev. Ira G. Bidwell, to Frank Skinner of Gloucester Co., N. J., who is engaged in real estate business in Philadelphia, Pa. Since marriage they have resided in that city, and now reside at Overbrook, Philadelphia. Mrs. Skinner is a communicant of St. James Episcopal Church. She is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames, of the Mayflower Descendants, of the Daughters of American Revolution, of the New England Women, and of the Maplewood Association. Mr. Frank Skinner is a son of Reverend Richard Skinner and Mary Swope, his wife, of Gloucester Co., New Jersey.

The Reverend Richard Skinner was a son of John Skinner and Patience Henasey, his wife, who settled in Gloucester County, New Jersey, after the War of the Revolution.

John Skinner was the son of Richard Skinner and Elisabeth Van Cortlandt, his wife (daughter of Stephen and Catharine Van Cortlandt of Cortlandt Manor). He was a Captain in the Middlesex County Regiment of New Jersey, and was killed July 7, 1774, by Tories while on a visit to his family in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Captain Richard Skinner was the sixth son of Reverend William Skinner. The Reverend William Skinner was a member of the MacGregor Clan, which adhered to the Old Pretender and was proscribed. He changed his name to Skinner and emigrated to America in 1721, and became an Episcopal clergyman, and for more than thirty years was rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Children of Frank and Sarah Amanda (Patten) Skinner:

LAURA PATTEN TRUMBULL SKINNER,¹⁰ b. 20 April 1874; educated at Miss Irwin's school, De Lancy Place, Philadelphia; member of St. James P. E. Church, Philadelphia.

NADINE CONVERSE SKINNER,¹⁰ b. 4 July 1875; educated at Miss Irwin's school; member St. James P. E. Church.

LEONA ALDEN SKINNER,¹⁰ b. 13 Dec. 1877; d. 26 Jan. 1884.

329. REV. JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE⁸ (*Freeman*⁷ (158), *Solvin*,⁶ *Asa*,⁶ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,³ *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leesburg, Va., 3 October 1837; fitted for college in Baltimore, Md.; was graduated at Harvard College in 1857; member Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation he taught school in Baltimore, Md.; studied law, and was admitted to the Bar in that city. Subsequently he studied for orders at the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Middletown, Conn., and was graduated there in 1868. Immediately thereafter, he was assistant minister at St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., under Dr. (now Bishop) Davies. He married, in Baltimore, Md., 20 October 1868, Jane Baker Jones of Baltimore, who was born at Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md., 2 August 1834, daughter of William Lyttleton Jones, M.D., and Eliza (Baker) Jones. Mrs. Converse is a descendant through her grandfather of a family named Baker, and, through her grandmother, of the famous English architect,

Inigo Jones. The Baker family have occupied an old homestead in Baltimore for nearly one hundred and fifty years. Mr. Converse was rector of the Episcopal Church at Westminster, Md., in 1870 and 1871. In 1872 he removed to Racine, Wis., where he was professor of classics in Racine College. In 1881, he removed to Bristol, R. I., where he was for three years rector of Trinity P. E. Church.



Rev. John Holmes Converse.



Mrs. Jane Baker (Jones) Converse.

In 1884 he removed to New Hamburg, N.Y., where he was principal of a school for boys for six years. On account of failing health this work was given up, and, in 1891, he accepted the rectorship of Christ P. E. Church at Riverton, N. J. In 1893 he resigned this charge for a season of foreign travel. Upon his return to this country in 1895, he accepted his present charge of the Church of the Messiah at Gwynedd, Pa.

Children of Rev. John Holmes and Jane Baker (Jones) Converse:



Mrs. Agnes Howard (Converse)
Van Meter.

AGNES HOWARD CONVERSE,* born at Baltimore, Md., 18 Oct. 1871. The following announcement of her marriage is from the Philadelphia Telegraph of 1 Jan. 1903:

Miss Agnes H. Converse, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John H. Converse, rector of the Church of the Messiah, at Gwynedd, and the Rev. Allen Van Meter, of this city, were married at the above-named church last Saturday. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter have gone to San Francisco, Cal., from which place they will sail for China about Jan. 20.

ARTHUR FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁹ born at Racine, Wis., 31 May 1873; died there 4 Aug. 1874.

ELIZA BAKER CONVERSE,⁹ born at Racine, Wis., 4 Aug 1874; was fitted for college at Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, and by her father; was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1896; has been engaged in private teaching since her graduation.

FREDERICK LYTLETON CONVERSE,⁹ born at Racine, Wis., in 1876; died same day.

JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE,⁹ JR., born at Racine, Wis., 26 July 1878.



Eliza Baker Converse.

330. ANDREW MILES CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷ (160), *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 6 February 1830; married, first, 20 August 1857, Elvira Gibbs, who was born in Pamelia, N. Y., 24 August 1833, daughter of Ebenezer and Azuba (Shippee) Gibbs of Pamelia, N. Y. He lived on a portion of the home farm. There his first wife died 20 December 1863; and he married, second, 22 June 1864, Mary Jane Bliss, daughter of Joshua and Eliza (Eggleston) Bliss of Willett, Cortland Co., N. Y. Andrew Miles Converse was educated in the district school and at Jefferson County Institute. After his second marriage he removed to Killawog, N. Y., where he resided until 1868, when he bought a large farm near Austin, Minn., and removed thither. In 1874 he sold that estate and went to Aurelia, Iowa, where he now resides on a fertile farm of 240 acres, and is extensively engaged in raising stock for the Chicago market.

Child of Andrew Miles and Elvira (Gibbs) Converse:

HIRAM CONVERSE,⁹ born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 Dec. 1859; died in Alta, Ia., 1892; married Minnie Imogene Lovelace. (443)

Children of Andrew Miles and Mary Jane (Bliss) Converse:

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born in Three Oaks, Mich., 30 Sept. 1865; married Cora May Randall. (444)

ELMER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Killawog, N. Y., 1 Dec. 1866; married Anna Griffith. (445)

JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Austin, Minn., 27 April 1869; married Frank Jones. (446)

THERON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Austin, Minn., 8 Jan. 1871; married Anna Belle Whiting. (447)

ALBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born in Traer, Ia., 30 Aug. 1875; married Addie Grace Hoyt. (448)

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Traer, Ia., 1 June 1877.

NORTON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Traer, Ia., 27 June 1879.

FRED CONVERSE,⁹ born in Aurelia, Ia., 17 Aug. 1884.

331. ANN JANE CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷ (160), *Theron*⁶, *Col. Thomas*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 29 September 1831; married, in Watertown, 20 February 1856, by Rev. J. H. Stewart, to Maro Breed Hunting, born in Henderson, Jefferson County, N. Y., 15 March 1826, son of Ezekiel and Rebekah (Breed) Hunting. He died in Watertown, 20 November 1883, and was buried in Brookside Cemetery. He received education in the district school and at Belleville Academy, and at the age of eighteen years, upon the death of his father, assumed the management of a large farm, which he successfully conducted until March 1864, when he removed to Watertown. There he was extensively engaged in farming until his death. His first wife was Betsy Mather, whom he married in April 1849; she died in May 1850. He was a Republican. Reared in the Presbyterian belief, he attended the Universalist Church after his marriage.

Child of Maro Breed and Ann Jane (Converse) Hunting.

STANLEY EZEKIEL HUNTING,⁹ born in Watertown, N. Y., 28 July 1865; educated in the public schools and in Watertown Business College. After his father's death he managed the home farm, and was also engaged in real estate operations, and in furnishing limestone for building purposes. In 1891, he rented the farm, and purchased an interest in a hardware business in Watertown, which, three years later, was developed into a wholesale hardware and steam fitting firm, of which he is the senior partner. He is a Republican; an alderman of the City of Watertown. He is a member of the Lincoln League; of Corona Lodge I.O.O.F.; a member and trustee of the Universalist Church. He was married, 28 Feb. 1893, by Rev. D. L. R. Libby, to Grace L. Devendorf, daughter of Frederic B. and Anna (Bassett) Devendorf of Watertown. They have three children, all born in Watertown:

MILDRED ALICE HUNTING,¹⁰ b. 25 Jan. 1894.

MARO STANLEY HUNTING,¹⁰ b. 29 April 1895.

JAMES FREDERICK HUNTING,¹⁰ b. 19 March 1899.

332. HENRY DUDLEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷ (160), *Theron*⁶, *Col. Thomas*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in Watertown, N. Y., 1 September 1833. He is a faithful member of the First Universalist Church of Watertown. His education was received in Jefferson County Institute. He settled on a farm in the suburbs of Watertown, and is a member of Watertown Grange. He was married, in Watertown, 1 September 1864, by Rev. E. W. Reynolds, to Priscilla Alice Stevenson, who was born in Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., 4 March 1844, daughter of John and Mary (Greaves) Stevenson of Sacket's Harbor. John Stevenson was born in Derbyshire, England.

Children of Henry Dudley and Priscilla Alice (Stevenson) Converse, all born in Watertown:

FANNIE MARY CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 Nov. 1865.

CLARENCE HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 7 Dec. 1867; died 19 March 1868.

MABEL ALICE CONVERSE,⁹ born 21 Nov. 1873.

333. MILTON DUDLEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷ (160), *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 14 January 1836; died, 6 July 1877, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had sought relief from Bright's disease. His remains were brought home and laid at rest in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown. He was educated in the public schools, and in the State Normal School at Albany, N.Y. For several terms, he was a teacher in the public schools. At the beginning of the Civil War, in 1861, he enlisted in the 35th Regiment N.Y. Volunteers, for two years' service. On his return, he carried on his father's homestead farm for a few years. In 1869, he became a partner in a large flour mill, and continued in the milling business until a few months previous to his death. He was a Republican; and was a member of the Universalist Church; he was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He married, in Theresa, N. Y., in April 1866, Maria Alnora Beardsley, born in Philadelphia, N. Y., 14 September 1840, died April 1891, daughter of Julius and Lucy (Bucklin) Beardsley of Theresa.

Child of Milton Dudley and Maria Alnora (Beardsley) Converse:

MINNIE ALICE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Watertown, 11 July 1867; married, Sept. 1885, George Franklin Mitchell, who was born in Sterlingsville, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1858, son of Charles and Mary (Murphy) Mitchell of Wilna, N. Y. George F. Mitchell was the proprietor of a hotel in La Fargeville, N.Y., in which place he died a few years after marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had four children, all born in La Fargeville:

ROY CONVERSE MITCHELL,¹⁰ b. 30 June 1886.

HERBERT FRANKLIN MITCHELL,¹⁰ b. 25 Dec. 1890.

LARRY HANLY MITCHELL,¹⁰ b. 29 Jan. 1892.

CARLTON GEORGE MITCHELL,¹⁰ b. 8 Dec. 1894.

334. AMASA NORTON CONVERSE⁸ (*Hiram*⁷ (160), *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 27 December 1842; died in Jackson, Minn., 19 September 1879. He was graduated at Syracuse Business College. In 1868, he went to Austin, Minn., and entered into partnership with his brother Andrew carrying on extensive operations in farming. A few years after his marriage, he removed to Jackson, Minn., where he engaged in real estate transactions until his death. His remains were buried in Jackson. He was a Democrat; a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married in Jackson, Minn., in 1872, Sarah Pearce, who married, second, Irving Dwight Converse⁸ (*Theron Dwight*,⁷ *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵

Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹). She was born in Windsor, Wis., 19 April 1858, daughter of Daniel George and Ann (Smith) Pearce.

Children of Amasa Norton and Sarah (Pearce) Converse:

MARO HUNTING CONVERSE,⁶ born in Dexter, Minn., 13 Sept. 1873; died in Fulda, Minn., 25 Dec. 1879.

MILTON AMASA CONVERSE,⁶ born in Dexter, Minn., 21 April 1875. Farm machine expert and hardware clerk: Dexter, Minn., 1891; Austin, Minn., 1893 to 1895; Bryant, S. D., 1895-6; Thief River Falls, Minn., 1896 to 1898; McIntosh, Minn., 1898; and Red Lake Falls, Minn., 1898 to 1901. Member M. W. A. Order; member State Militia of South Dakota in 1895.

335. DEACON HIRAM JULIUS CONVERSE⁶ (*Julius Case*⁷(161), *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Earnestown, Addington Co., Canada, 18 September 1833. About 1836, he was adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Sarietta Converse Bull, residing in Wellington, Prince Edward Co., Canada, and his home was with her family until her death about 1850. He then left the family and county, sought employment at manual labor, and when not at work attended public school. In 1852, he went to Port Dalhousie, a village at the mouth of the Welland Canal, Canada. Part of the time he attended school and part of the time he taught school, until the winter of 1857, when he located on the northern shore of the Georgian Bay, St. Vincent Township, Grey Co., Canada. He was married there 17 January, 1861, by Rev. Wm. Trout, to Lydia Jane Williams, who was born in York County, Ontario, 9 July 1840, daughter of John and Salina (Brewster) Williams. John Williams was born in Addington County, Ontario; and Salina Brewster was born in Jefferson County, N. Y. Both died when about seventy years of age and were buried in the village cemetery at Meaford, Grey County, Ontario. In 1868, Mr. Converse removed with his family to Pilot, Kankakee County, Ill., on the Grand Prairie. Three years later, Mrs. Converse died, and was buried in Pilot Centre. Mr. Converse was married, second, 17 May 1874, in Chebanse, Iroquois County, Ill., by Rev. Mr. Wykoff, to Sarah Angeline Williams, a sister of his first wife, born in Grey County, Ontario, 14 July 1864. She was educated in the Owen Sound Grammar School, Grey County, Ontario, and, before marriage taught school successfully in Ontario, and in Kankakee County, Ill. She and her sister and all her father's family, including six other sisters, were members of the Church of Christian Disciples. Like her sisters, she had all the amiable Christian qualities that grace true womanhood.

After his second marriage, Mr. Converse and family lived in and near Gardner, Grundy County, Ill. Since 1883, they have resided in Joliet, Ill., where he is a grocer and public carrier. Since about 1879, he has been a member of the Baptist Church, and is now (1900) Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Joliet.

Children:

MILTON EVERETT CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Meaford, Ontario, 6 December 1861. Since 1888 he has sold musical instruments and musical merchandise in Joliet. He served in Co. B, 4th Regiment National Guard from 1883 to 1888, and was in service at Lamont and Nobes Hill in Quarry strike in 1883, and in Braidwood Mine Strike in 1888. He has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Joliet since 1885; a member of the Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association since 1893. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and White Cross fraternities, and of the Columbian Knights. He was married, by Rev. J. B. Lucas, to Lillian Ethel Holmes, born, Lenox, Will Co., Ill., 19 Aug. 1864, daughter of Orsamus and Ann Holmes, of New Lenox, Ill. They have three children all born in Joliet:

MILTON ORSAMUS CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 13 July 1896.

MARSHALL HIRAM CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 10 Dec. 1900.

LYDIA ANN CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 31 Oct. 1903.

METTA THEODIE CONVERSE,⁹ born in St. Vincent, Grey Co., Canada, 11 Jan. 1866. Since 1885, she has been assisting her brother in the Converse music store in Joliet, in which she is a partner.

THERON JULIUS CONVERSE,⁹ born in Braceville, Grundy Co., Ill., 19 June 1876. He is a graduate of the Joliet High School and studied at the Sherwood Conservatory of Music, under Professor Perkins. He has taught instrumental music since 1897.

HIRAM ARTHUR CONVERSE,⁹ born in Garmer, Grundy Co., Ill., 10 March 1883. He is engaged in the office of the American Steel and Wire Co. in Joliet. He was a pupil of Professor Crandall, violinist, in Joliet.

336. CINDRELLA CONVERSE⁹ (*Julius Case*⁷ (161), *Theron*,⁸ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Earnestown, Addington County, Canada, 24 April 1835; married in St. Catherines, Canada, 27 November 1851, Harmon Hiunga Plumstell, who was born in Dundas County, Canada, 28 December 1828, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Fischer) Plumstell. Harmon H. Plumstell was a contractor and builder. He moved from St. Catherines, Canada, in 1882, to Buffalo, N. Y., where he now (1901) resides. He and all his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Children of Harmon Hiunga and Cindrella (Converse) Plumstell:

HIRAM JULIUS PLUMSTELL,⁹ born in Port Dalhousie, Canada, 27 Dec. 1852; married in Canada, in 1876, by Rev. Jas. Robinson to Sarah Patterson, who was born in Canada, 20 Oct. 1852, daughter of Robert and Salome Patterson. Hiram Julius and Sarah (Patterson) Plumstell reside in Tonawanda, N. Y., and have four children:

FREDERICK PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. in Merritton, Canada, 1877.

MAUD EVA PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. in Merritton, Canada, 1879.

GLADYS BIRDIE PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. in Lockport, N. Y., 1884.

PERCY CONVERSE PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. in Lockport, N. Y., 1888.

ELIZABETH MARIE PLUMSTELL,⁹ born in Port Dalhousie, Canada, 16 April 1855; married in Merritton, Ont., 1879, William O'Neil, son of Henry and Jessie O'Neil. Residence Clinton, Canada. Children:

- DELL IRENE O'NEIL,¹⁰ b. in Brucefield, Ont., 10 Nov. 1880; school teacher.
 OLIVE WINIFREDE O'NEIL,¹⁰ b., in Brucefield, 1882; school teacher.
 HAZEL PLUMSTELL O'NEIL,¹⁰ b. in Clinton, Ont., 1892.
 JESSIE WILLENA O'NEIL,¹⁰ b., in Clinton, 1894.
 CARL CONVERSE O'NEIL,¹⁰ b., in Clinton, 1896.
- TWIN SONS,⁹ born in Thorold, Canada, 20 July 1857; died there 24 or 25 July 1857.
- ALMERAN PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Thorold, 27 Oct. 1858; died in Buffalo, N. Y., 29 Feb. 1896.
- OLIVE MARIETTA PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Thorold, 31 January 1861; educated at the Missionary Training School, 290 Fargo Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1901 was a music teacher in that school, and Assistant Superintendent.
- AMELIA ANNA PLUMSTELL,⁹ born in Allanburgh, Canada, 8 May 1863; married in Rockford, Ont., in 1886, James Cook, who was born in Rockford, Ont., son of Martin and Anna (Nesser) Cook. Residence Buffalo, N. Y. Children, all born in Buffalo, N. Y.:
 OLIVE ESTELLA COOK,¹⁰ b. 1890.
 RUTH LILLIAN COOK,¹⁰ b. 1895.
 CHAUNCEY JEWETT COOK,¹⁰ b. 1898.
 CECIL IRVING COOK,¹⁰ b. 1900.
- DELLA GRACE PLUMSTELL,⁹ born in Allanburgh, Ont., 22 Sept. 1865; died 26 Aug. 1866.
- MARSHALL HERMAN PLUMSTELL,⁹ born in Merritton, Ont., 20 July 1867; contractor and builder; married in Lockport, N. Y., in 1890, Harriet Servoss, who was born in Lockport, N. Y., 10 June 1868, daughter of Horace and Mary Jane Servoss. Marshall Herman and Harriet (Servoss) Plumstell reside in Buffalo, N. Y. They have one child, MARIAN PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. 1895.
- JAMES CHESTER PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Merritton, 13 Oct. 1869; died 16 Jan. 1875.
- JAMES PIERRIE PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Merritton, 24 July 1872; drowned 1 Sept. 1877.
- HARVEY LOSIE PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Merritton, 2 Nov. 1875; married in Buffalo, N. Y., 31 March 1897, Rose Estella Cook of Rockford, Ont., who was born in Rockford, 6 Nov. 1877, daughter of Martin Cook (born in Trossingen, Germany, 11 Sept. 1833), and wife Anna Nesser (born in Langeman, Germany, 17 April 1831). Harvie Losie and Rose Estella (Cook) Plumstell reside in Buffalo, N. Y., and have one child: BEULAH ANNIE PLUMSTELL,¹⁰ b. 10 Sept. 1898.
- ADDISON CONVERSE PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Merritton, 20 July 1878; residence, Buffalo, N. Y.
- GEORGIANA PLUMSTELL,⁹ born, in Merritton, 12 Dec. 1880; music teacher; also teacher in the Missionary Training School in Buffalo, N. Y.

337. IRVING DWIGHT CONVERSE⁸ (*Theron Dwight*¹ (165), *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in Watertown, N. Y., 10 July 1856. He has been a publisher of country newspapers, viz: Grand Meadow Record, Grand Meadow, Minn., 1885 to 1891; the Post, Bryant, S. D., 1891 to 1896; the Press, Thief River Falls, Minn., summer of 1896; and the Tribune, McIntosh, Minn., 1897 to 1899. Since 13 September 1897 he has held a government claim on Red Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota, where he raises cattle. He is a member of A. F. and A. M.; of the O. E. S.; of the I. O. O. F.; of the Knights of Pythias; and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He married, in Jackson, Minn., 4 May 1879, Mrs. Sarah (Pearce) Con-

verse, widow of Amasa Norton Converse⁸ (*Hiram,⁷ Theron,⁶ Col. Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*). She was born in Windsor, Wis., 19 April 1858, daughter of Daniel George and Ann (Smith) Pearce. Daniel George Pearce was an Englishman. Mrs. Sarah (Pearce) Converse is a member of the O. E. S. She is a member of the Congregational Church in Bryant, S. D., is clerk of the Church, and has always been active in church and society work. During the year 1889, she was engaged in teaching vocal and instrumental music and harmony.

Child of Irving Dwight and Sarah (Pearce) Converse:

RALPH DWIGHT CONVERSE,⁹ born in Dexter, Minn., 13 March 1885.

338. FRANK ALVAH CONVERSE⁸ (*James Franklin⁷ (174), Thomas,⁶ David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 12 May 1862; farmer; residence Woodville, N. Y. Since completing the course in Agriculture at Cornell University in 1886, he has been connected with the State Department of Agriculture at Albany, as conductor of Farmers' Institutes, lecturing on subjects connected with live stock and the dairy. He has had many years experience as a breeder of Ayrshire cattle, Shetland ponies, and Percheron and French Coach horses. He was Superintendent of the live stock display of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, in 1901. He married Frances Gates, who was born 11 November 1862, daughter of Jacob S. and Emma (Sargent) Gates of La Fargeville, N. Y.

Children, all born in Woodville:

GATES CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Dec. 1889

TERRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 17 Nov. 1891.

HOWARD FRANK CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 April 1893.

339. MARIETTA MAY CONVERSE⁸ (*James Franklin⁷ (174), Thomas,⁶ David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Woodville, Jefferson County, N. Y., 18 October 1865; received education at Union Academy at Belleville, and at Ives Seminary at Antwerp, and studied a year in Syracuse, part of the time in the University; and later in a studio, making a special study of painting in oil. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Carthage, N. Y. She was married in Woodville, 18 October 1887, to Mark Sheldon Wilder who was born in Dry Hill, in the town of Watertown, N. Y., 7 July 1862, son of George Joslin and Marcia Victoria (Sheldon) Wilder who resided forty-five years in Dry Hill until 1899, and who, since then, have lived in Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheldon Wilder reside in Carthage, N. Y., where he is cashier of the Carthage National Bank, having held that position since its

organization fifteen years prior to this time (1901). He is also interested in several manufactures in Carthage. He is a trustee and elder in the Presbyterian Church there. He is a Knight Templar.

Children, born in Carthage:

HARRY CONVERSE WILDER,⁹ born 8 Dec. 1891.

HELEN WILDER,⁹ born 6 Feb. 1901.

340. GEORGE HENRY CONVERSE⁸ (*James Franklin*⁷ (174), *Thomas*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woodville, Jefferson County, N. Y., 26 June 1870; was graduated in English course at the Adams, N. Y., Collegiate Institute, 20 June 1889, and was a student in agriculture at Cornell University in winter of 1894-95. He has always resided in Woodville, N. Y., where he is engaged in farming and in breeding high class Ayrshire cattle, Shetland ponies, and Yorkshire swine, of which he has been a prominent exhibitor at leading fairs in the United States for some years. At this time (1901) the herd of Ayrshire cattle and Shetland ponies, belonging to him and his father, is the oldest in the state of New York. He is a member of Belleville, N. Y., Lodge No. 797, I.O.O.F.; of Union Grange, No. 5, of Belleville; and of Tent 387, K. O. T. M. of Belleville. He was married 18 January 1899, in Woodville, by Rev. Mr. Brooks of the Belleville Baptist Church, to Mella Inez Wood, who was born, in Woodville, 23 May 1873, daughter of Moses W. and Emily Eliza (Streeter) Wood of Woodville.

Child:

DONALD JAMES CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Woodville, 9 Jan. 1900.

341. JOSEPH MILTON CONVERSE⁸ (*Emmor Kimber*⁷ (177), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chili, Monroe County, N. Y., 20 August 1848; removed with his parents, in 1859, to Conesus, Livingston County, N. Y.; he worked on the paternal farm and attended common school until 1866, and then took a four years' classical course at Whitestown Academy at Whitesboro, Oneida County, New York. He was employed in Farmers' Store, Rochester, N. Y., one year, and has since been continuously engaged in mercantile business, residing in Carson City, Mich., Decatur, Ill., and now (1901) in Paola, Kansas. He is general traveling agent for a Milwaukee firm. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 15, of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in Tuscola, Ill., by Rev. Uriah Warrington of the M. E. Church, 7 September 1881, to Emma L. Bonham, who was born in Sidney, Ill., daughter of John K. and Sarah (Noble) Bonham.

Children:

- ANNA S. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Carson City, Mich., 7 Nov. 1882.
 MYRA H. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Decatur, Ill., 6 April 1885.
 JOSEPH BONHAM CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Decatur, 5 Nov. 1886; died 28 March 1888.
 JAMES MILLER CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Decatur, 27 April 1890.
 RALPH EMMOR CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Decatur, 10 January 1894.
 LYTLE JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Paola, Kansas, 27 Dec. 1895; died there 7 Feb. 1899.
 GEORGE KNOX CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Paola, 19 Sept. 1898.
 FRANK MILTON CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Paola, 13 Aug. 1900.

342. WILLIAM CHAUNCY CONVERSE⁸ (*Ansel Frost*⁷ (178), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y., 14 September 1859; was educated at Macedon Center, N. Y., Academy, and worked on his father's farm until about eighteen years old, after which he engaged in real estate operations in Dakota for about two years and a half. He then returned to Palmyra, N. Y., where his parents lived. In June 1883 he went to Montana, where he has since resided. He was cashier for the Montana Union Railway, first at Stuart, Montana, and after 4 August 1884 at Anaconda, Montana, his present place of residence (1902). In 1885-6, he was postmaster at Anaconda. Since 1887, he has been in the employ of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, first as foreman and now as engineer. Originally a member of Ganargua Lodge, No. 367, F. & A. M., in Macedon, N. Y., in 1881, he was, in 1886, a charter member of Acacia Lodge No. 33, in Anaconda, and, in 1896-7, was Worshipful Master of the latter lodge. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He married, in Anaconda, 3 December 1889, Sadie Macdonald who was born in Houghton, Mich., 7 Aug. 1867, daughter of Ronald and Margaret (Moran) Macdonald of Houghton.

Children of William Chauncy and Sadie (Macdonald) Converse:

- GERALDINE LENA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Anaconda, 18 Oct. 1890.
 EARL WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁹ born in Houghton, Mich., 20 Aug. 1893.
 LESLIE ROBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Anaconda, 1 January 1901.

343. HOWARD DANIEL CONVERSE⁸ (*Charles Edgar*⁷ (179), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, N. Y., 28 November 1874; removed with his parents to Ferry, Mich., in 1879. He received good common-school education. He went with his brother, Charles Elliott Converse, to California in 1896; married in Farmington, N. Y., in April 1897, Caroline Covell, daughter of John Covell, farmer, of Farmington. Howard Daniel and Caroline (Covell) Converse own a farm in Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y., where they reside.

Children:

LEWIS HOWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Feb. 1898.

DORA CARY CONVERSE,⁹ born 11 April 1900.

344. MARY PHOEBE CONVERSE⁸ (*Arthur Mott*⁷ (180), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, N. Y., 19 January 1865. She was married, 18 December 1881, by Rev. Caleb Davis, to Herbert Timothy Smith, who was born in Yates Co., N. Y., 18 December 1860, son of Erastus Demilt and Helen (Marr) Smith, both of whom were born in Oneida County, N. Y. Herbert T. Smith was taken by his parents in 1864, to Ferry, Mich., where he is now a farmer. He is a highway commissioner; has been engaged quite extensively as a lumber merchant, and is often employed as superintendent of railroad grading. He is a member of I. O. O. F. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ferry. She received a common-school education.

Children of Herbert T. and Mary Phoebe (Converse) Smith, all born in Ferry:

FLORENCE D. SMITH,⁹ born 28 Aug. 1883; married, by Rev. Ransom Vradenbergh, Sunday, 30 March 1902, to Elmer Sumner, who was born in Ferry in 1882, son of Howel E. and Alice (Benton) Sumner. The Sumner family were natives of northwestern Pennsylvania, and the Benton family were natives of St. Albans, Vt.

RUTH ODESSA SMITH,⁹ born 16 April 1887.

GRACE WILSON SMITH,⁹ born 29 Sept. 1893.

MARK HERBERT SMITH,⁹ born 10 Nov. 1895.

CLARE LAMONT SMITH,⁹ born 12 Dec. 1896.

345. H. WILSON CONVERSE⁸ (*Arthur Mott*⁷ (180), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y., 4 April 1866; married in Ferry, Oceana County, Mich., 26 June 1898, by Edwin L. Benton, J. P., Mary Romans, born in Newaygo County, Mich., 2 June 1879, daughter of Milo B. and Alice (Ames) Romans, who were both born in Michigan. H. Wilson Converse received a common-school education. He removed to Ferry, his present residence, in 1878, with his parents, and in partnership with his brother-in-law, Herbert T. Smith, engaged as a jobber in lumber and in farming, threshing, etc. He is a member of I. O. O. F. in Ferry.

Children of H. Wilson and Mary (Romans) Converse, born in Ferry:

DAISY MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born 6 Aug. 1899.

MILLIE CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 Jan. 1901.

346. SARAH M. CONVERSE⁸ (*Arthur Mott*⁷ (180), *Joseph Elliott*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), called "Daisy" from

childhood, born in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y., 5 December 1867; died in Ferry, Mich., 18 July 1902, of a complication of spinal and catarrhal fever, accompanied by brain troubles and paralysis. She received common-school education. She was married, by Rev. C. C. Welch, 31 December 1885, to Ira Amos Putney, who was born in Ferry, Mich., son of Amos and Ann Mariah (Evans) Putney, and descended from two old established English families, Putney and Evans. His great uncle David Evans was, for many years, manager of the Holland purchase at Batavia, N. Y. Ira A. Putney is a farmer, a member of the United Brethren Church, and highly respected. He lives on the farm where he was born, and which is the homestead his father located.

The following appeared in the Hart, Mich., Oceana Courier of 24 July 1902:

Mrs. Ira A. Putney came to Michigan when ten years old and has lived here since. When about sixteen years old she united with the United Brethren Church, having always been unusually inclined to spiritual things. Her life has been a peculiarly happy one, although cast in lines surrounded with cares and responsibilities. She assisted her husband to pay for and fit up a true reproduction of a typical New England home and imparted to her children and to those with whom she came in contact, a spirit of trust and thoughtfulness which tend to form characters to enjoy life here and fit us for all the changing scenes in life. In her last illness she was sure her end was near, but seemed to trust as usual in the hope and faith which had been her soul's anchor through life. Funeral services were held in the W. M. Church at Ferry Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. Campbell of Hart, assisted by Rev. S. J. Potter of Otto. Elder Campbell spoke from the text, "But one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the better part," rendering a thoughtful, logical, truthful and peculiarly comforting discourse to one of the largest gatherings of people ever assembled in Ferry. She was laid at rest in Ferry cemetery, buried in flowers from the hands of many kind and intimate friends. She leaves a husband, two daughters and two little boys, besides father, mother, sister and brothers and a large number of relatives and friends.

Children of Ira A. and Sarah M. (Converse) Putney:

JENNIA MARIA PUTNEY,⁹ born 16 April 1888.

LYDIA WILSON PUTNEY,⁹ born 11 Dec. 1890

BESSIE PUTNEY,⁹ born 19 May 1892; died 7 June 1898.

ARTHUR PUTNEY,⁹ born 20 May 1900.

AMOS CONVERSE PUTNEY,⁹ born 6 June 1901.

347. MELVIN CYRUS CONVERSE⁸ (*Cyrus Steel*⁷ (181), *Daniel*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chili, Monroe County, N. Y., 24 April 1851; attended school in District No. 4, Chili. After

his marriage, he removed to Bergen, N. Y., and thence, after about a year, to North Bergen, where he resided twenty-six years. He has always been engaged in farming. Since April 1901, his farm has been the so-called "Howell Farm" about three miles north of Bergen. He was married in Rochester, N. Y., by Rev. Samuel Campbell, 21 October 1874, to Lydia Elizabeth Ecker, who was born in Alexandria, Jefferson County, N. Y., 17 November 1846, daughter of Adam G. and Algina (Avery) Ecker. She is a member of the North Bergen Presbyterian Church.

Children of Melvin Cyrus and Lydia Elizabeth (Ecker) Converse born in North Bergen:

CHARLES ARTHUR CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 Feb. 1878; member of North Bergen Presbyterian Church; died, 19 Sept. 1894, from a fracture of the skull inflicted by a frightened horse; interred in Wooden Cemetery, Chili.

IDA MAE CONVERSE,⁹ born 13 Jan. 1885; entered Bergen High School, Sept. 1901.

348. DANIEL EVANDER CONVERSE,⁸ JR. (*Daniel Evander*⁷ (182), *Daniel*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chili, Monroe County, N. Y., 20 March 1850; resides in Clyde, N. Y., where he is a farmer and a member of Clyde Grange. He is a deacon in Clyde Baptist Church. When four years old, he moved with his parents to Erie County, N. Y., thence, four years later, returned to Rochester, N. Y., and, after five years, moved to Wayne County, N. Y., where he has since lived, with the exception of one year spent in Michigan. He was married, first, 19 January 1876, by Rev. A. J. Kenyon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Margaret Jeannette Harper, born in Clyde, N. Y., 30 September 1855, died 1 December 1898, daughter of Almon Harper, farmer, of Galen, Wayne County, N. Y.

Daniel Evander Converse, Jr., was married, second, 5 April 1900, by Rev. Mr. Redfern, pastor of Plymouth Ave. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., to Mrs. Harriet Ellen (Williams) Waterbury, widow, who was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., 11 July 1848, daughter of Stephen Williams of Rensselaer County.

Child of Daniel Evander, Jr., and Margaret Jeannette (Harper) Converse:

CORA ALMEDA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Clyde, N. Y., 5 April 1880; graduated from Clyde High School in June 1900; in 1901 a student in State Normal School at Geneseo, N. Y.; member Baptist Church in Clyde.

349. EUGENE MORRIS CONVERSE⁸ (*Daniel Evander*⁷ (182), *Daniel*,⁶ *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Alden, Erie County, N. Y., 11 July 1858; removed with his parents, when five years of

age, to Wayne County, N. Y., where he has since resided with the exception of one year spent in Michigan. After his marriage he resided in Galen, Wayne County, N. Y., three years; then bought a farm in Rose, N. Y., where he has since dwelt. He is Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Rose; Superintendent of the Sunday School; and a member of Clyde, N. Y., Grange. He was married by Rev. Augustus W. Green, 28 January 1880, to Anna Irene Harper, who was born in Clyde, N. Y., 28 March 1858, daughter of Almon Harper, farmer, of Galen, N. Y. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Rose.

Children of Eugene Morris and Anna Irene (Harper) Converse:

EDITH MAY CONVERSE⁹ (twin), born, in Galen, 3 Feb. 1881; graduated from Clyde High School in June 1900; in 1901 a teacher in Rose; a member of First Baptist Church of Rose.

ELWIN CONVERSE⁹ (twin), born, in Galen, 3 Feb. 1881; died 28 Aug. 1881.

JOHN DAVID CONVERSE⁹, born, in Galen, 7 Sept. 1882; member First Baptist Church of Rose.

ERNEST EUGENE CONVERSE⁹, born, in Rose, 7 May 1884; member First Baptist Church of Rose.

ARTHUR JAY CONVERSE⁹, born, in Rose, 2 Oct. 1887.

FLORA DELL CONVERSE⁹, born, in Rose, 18 April 1889.

DANIEL EVANDER CONVERSE⁹, born, in Rose, 15 Dec. 1891.

CLARENCE EDGAR CONVERSE⁹, born, in Rose, 27 Jan. 1895.

350. WILLIAM PORTER CONVERSE,⁹ JR. (*William Porter*⁷ (188), *Otis*,⁸ *Joel*,⁶ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Montgomery,



William Porter Converse, Jr.

Ala., 18 June 1831; died in Springfield, Ill., 16 June 1881. He was educated in New England. Mr. Converse was a member of the firm of Converse & Co., New Orleans, La., until the firm was dissolved by the war. He was married, in New Orleans, 10 September 1860, by Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, to Eveline Fitch Folger, who was born in Hudson, N. Y., 6 April 1840, daughter of Nathan Cyprian and Madeline (Godfrey) Folger. Her father was a merchant in New Orleans. She died in that city 26 November 1875. After the war, William Porter Converse, Jr., returned to New Orleans, and started a commission and hardware business under his own name, in which he amassed a comfortable fortune. He was a deacon in Dr. Palmer's

Presbyterian Church, Prytania and Josephine Streets, New Orleans. His remains are interred in the family tomb in Lafayette Cemetery, New Orleans.

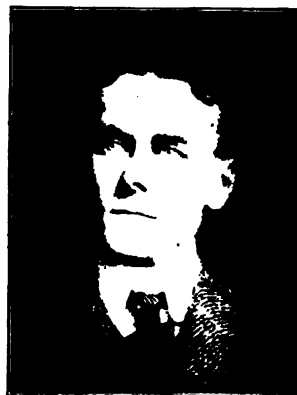
Children of William Porter, Jr., and Eveline Fitch (Folger) Converse:

FREDERICK FOLGER CONVERSE,^{*} born, in New Orleans, 19 Dec. 1861; Clerk and Recorder of Court at Bayou Sara, La.; married Clara Van Norden Howell. (449).



William West Converse.

WILLIAM WEST CONVERSE,^{*} born, in New Orleans, 21 Jan. 1864; in business at Atlanta, Ga., for a short time, but returned to New Orleans, where he is a member of the stock and real estate brokerage firm of Converse & Co. of the New Orleans stock exchange.



Harry Holden Converse.

HARRY HOLDEN CONVERSE,^{*} born, in New Orleans, 25 April 1866. For a short time he was engaged with his brother, William West Converse, in managing lime kilns in Atlanta, Ga., but returned to New Orleans, where he is in partnership with him under the firm name of Converse & Co., brokers in stocks, bonds, real estate, and investment securities.

EVELINE CONVERSE,^{*} born, in New Orleans, 4 Feb. 1869. She attended a Roman Catholic school when quite young, and became a convert to the Roman Church, entered a convent in New Orleans, took the required vows, and is now a nun in the Convent of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans.



Eveline Converse.



Charles Cyprian Converse.

CHARLES CYPRIAN CONVERSE,⁹ born 14 April 1871; died, in New Orleans, of pneumonia, 1 Dec. 1900; interred in Cemetery, Washington and Prytania Streets, New Orleans.



Mrs. Madeline (Converse) Richardson.

MADELINE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in New Orleans, 8 Oct. 1872; married, in St. Francesville, La., 19 Dec. 1895, by Rev. A. K. Douglass, Rector of Grace Church, to Wade Hampton Richardson (son of Mrs. Amanda N. H. Richardson), who is a cotton planter at Wakefield, La. They have one child: AMANDA ROSALIE RICHARDSON.¹⁰ born in West Feliciana, La., 7 Nov. 1896.



Wade Hampton Richardson.

SALLIE CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 Aug. 1874; died, in New Orleans, 1875.

DAISY CONVERSE,⁹ born 26 Nov. 1875; died, in New Orleans, 1878.

351. MAJOR HENRY MONTGOMERY CONVERSE⁸ (*William Porter*⁷ (188), *Otis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born



Major Henry Montgomery Converse.

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Mrs. Mary Adella (Mussenden) Converse.

in Montgomery, Ala., 15 February 1833; killed at Bergen, N. J., the place of his residence, 5 June 1869, by being thrown from his carriage by a runaway horse. He was taken to New Orleans, La., when an infant; at the age of sixteen years was sent to Massachusetts to complete his schooling. He returned to New Orleans, and was for many years engaged in the naval stores business with Ira S. Holden. He was married, at St. Francisville, La., 17 October 1859, by Rev. Daniel S. Lewis, Rector of Grace Church, to Mary Adelia Mussenden who was born at Baton Rouge, La., in 1841, the daughter of Henry A. S. and Caro Eugenie (Henderson) Mussenden. Mrs. Converse now resides in West Feliciana Parish, La. During the Civil War, Major Converse served, with the rank of Major, in Gen. Kirby Smith's Division, Trans-Mississippi Department, C. S. A., and was in charge of transportation of cotton to Matamoras, Mexico, via San Antonio and Brownsville, Texas. His service continued two years, until his resignation on account of illness. When the city of New Orleans surrendered, he removed with his family to New Jersey.

Children of Major Henry Montgomery and Mary Adelia (Mussenden) Converse:

CARO HOLDEN CONVERSE,⁹ born in West Feliciana Parish, La., 27 Sept. 1860; died at Bergen, N. J., 23 July 1878.



Caro Holden Converse.



Charles Mussenden Converse

CHARLES MUSSENDEN CONVERSE,⁹ born in West Feliciana Parish, La., 1 Nov. 1862; resides at Oak Grove Plantation, West Feliciana Parish, La. (Wakefield, P. O., La.), where he has a cotton plantation.

352. EDWARD WEST CONVERSE⁸ (*William Porter*⁷ (188), *Otis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Mobile, Ala., 20 July 1838; died without issue at Oak Grove Plantation, West Feliciana Parish, La., 4 February 1896. He was educated at the famous Hillhouse School at New Haven, Conn. He was a member of the firms of W. P. Converse, Tyler & Co. and



Edward West Converse



Mr. Edward West Converse and Mrs. Mary Adella (Mussenden) Converse.

Wm. P. Converse & Co. in New York City. In the early sixties he traveled extensively through Europe and Asia for more than two years. Afterward he spent three years in Idaho as Assistant Superintendent of Mining, and later was in

Texas on business affairs, returning to New York City; in 1880 removed to Louisiana where he was engaged in the planting of cotton. He married, 4 August 1880, at West Feliciana, La., Mrs. Mary Adelia Mussenden Converse, widow of Henry Montgomery Converse. Though having no children of his own, his noble heart prompted him to be a father to the orphans, and he reared to manhood and womanhood the children of his two brothers, eight in number, who today are living monuments to his honorable ideals of duty and to his loving care.

353. SARAH CONVERSE⁶ (*William Porter*⁷ (188), *Otis*,⁸ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in New Orleans, La., 17 February 1841. She was educated at Miss Dutton's school, New Haven, Conn., and by private tutors; is an accomplished musician, and a lady of a most amiable disposition. She was married, in New York city, by Rev. Dr. Scott, of the Presbyterian church, 21 February 1867, to Horace Clifton Alexander, who was born at Burkesville, Ky., 31 August 1842; died 28 Nov. 1900; son of Clinton C. and Mary A. Alexander. Their residence was in Bonham, Texas, where he was



Mrs. Sarah (Converse) Alexander.



Mr. Horace Clifton Alexander.

one of the leading and progressive citizens. He was President of the Bonham Cotton Compress Co.; chairman Bonham Water Works Co.; member of Board of Aldermen for many years; member of American Legion of Honor; a large owner of bank stock and real estate; and did much to advance the interests of the progressive little city. He served in the War of 1861-1865 in Colonel A. M. Alexander's Texas regiment, C. S. A., and as Aide-de-camp on the staff of General Steele, in the Red River, La., campaign, in which the Indian tribes of the "Six Nations" took an active part. Mr. Alexander was of an inventive turn of mind,

and invented and patented several very meritorious and useful appliances, some of which are in general use.

During his long illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, he frequently expressed a desire to be baptized with the rites of the Episcopal Church. His wishes were gratified, and shortly before his death, which occurred 28 November 1900, he repeated the beautiful supplication: "Look down upon us O Lord; guide us through this world, and forgive us all the sins which we have committed, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer." He was buried in "Willow Wild" cemetery at Bonham, Tex. The Bonham City Council and other public bodies, of which he had been a member, passed resolutions in his memory, and as a mark of respect, attended his funeral in their official capacities. Mrs. Sarah Converse Alexander and her children are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Children of Horace Clifton and Sarah (Converse) Alexander:

MAY GRIFFIN ALEXANDER,⁹ born in New York City, 15 April 1869; a fine singer; completed her musical education at the New England Conservatory of Music. Boston



Mrs. May Griffin (Alexander) Murchert.



Jules E. Murchert.

Mass.; married in Bonham, Texas, by Rev. J. B. C. Beaubein, of Trinity church, 18 Feb. 1897, to Jules E. Murchert, of Bonham, Tex., who served in the Spanish-American war, 1898, as Captain of Co. M, 1st Texas Regiment, U. S. V., 7th army corps, under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. Jules E. Murchert was born in Marlow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, 25 July 1862, and came to the United States 19 September, 1881. Children:

SARAH ALEXANDER MURCHERT,¹⁰ b. in Bonham, Tex., 18 Feb. 1898.

CHARLOTTE MURCHERT,¹⁰ b. in Bonham, 23 March 1900; d. 9 June 1900; buried in Willow Wild Cemetery.

CLINTON CONVERSE ALEXANDER,⁹ born, in New York City, 7 June 1870; died in Bonham, Tex., 16 June 1871.

EMMIE CONVERSE ALEXANDER,⁹ born, in New York City, 18 September 1873; died in Bonham, Tex., 17 April 1894.



Allen Converse Alexander.
Mattie Preston Alexander.
Mrs. May Griffin (Alexander) Murchert.



Mattie Preston Alexander.

MATTIE PRESTON ALEXANDER,⁹ born, in New York City, 17 January 1879; educated at St. Mary's Episcopal College, Dallas, Tex.; resides at Bonham, Tex.

ALLEN CONVERSE ALEXANDER,⁴ born in Bonham, Tex., 27 October 1881; educated at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.



Allen Converse Alexander.

354. JULIUS PEARL CONVERSE⁸ (*William Porter*⁷ (188), *Otis*,⁸ *Joel*,⁸ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁸ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), only son of William Porter and Amanda Johnson Converse; born at New Orleans, La., 29 November 1842; received his education at the Military Institute, New Haven, Conn., and from private tutors. He was destined for a professional career, but a physical infirmity

changed his plans, and he entered commercial life in New York City, passing through every grade, from messenger to partner, in the firm of W. P. Converse & Co., in which he amassed and lost a fortune. He visited Cuba, and travelled extensively through the United States. He attempted several trips to the Pacific Coast, before the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad, but in every instance was turned back by Indian uprisings. He moved to Massachusetts in 1880. In 1893, he was appointed by Gov. William E. Russell a Justice of the Peace. For three years he was acting postmaster at Millis, Mass.; and served three terms as Auditor, and one term as Assessor, of the town of Medway. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; Treasurer of the Medway Club from its organization; member of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Boston; of the Democratic Town Committee for many years; Chairman National Democratic Town Committee, of Medway, 1896-1898. He has been offered many political honors, but has invariably declined; is a student, a compiler of Masonic and other literature, and at spare times is a contributor to the local newspapers; and is engaged in the real estate business at Medway, with branch office at Boston.



Julius Pearl Converse.

At the expiration of his term as Justice of the Peace he was reappointed by Governor Crane of Massachusetts, for another term of seven years.

He has invented a mathematical and educational puzzle, combining seven puzzles in one. Mr. Converse is unmarried.

355. WILLIAM OTIS CONVERSE* (*Henry*⁷ (189), *Otis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born



William Otis Converse.

in Painesville, Ohio, 30 June 1840; married in Springfield, Ill., 20 October 1870, Ellen Little, who was born in Springfield, Ill., 14 December 1847. Her father was Thomas S. Little, born in Northampton, Mass., 16 March 1820, and her mother was Ann



Mrs. Ellen (Little) Converse.

Maria Watson, born in Nashville, Tenn., 25 December 1824. William Otis Converse is a prominent farmer,

and business man in Springfield, Ill. He resides on the farm so long occupied by his father. He has filled many positions of trust. In 1898, he was a member of the City School Board of Springfield, Ill.

Children of William Otis and Ellen (Little) Converse:

NIANA LITTLE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Springfield, Ill., 1 Aug. 1874; married 27 Jan. 1896, Col. Henry Davis, Jr., of Springfield, who was born in Christian County, Ill., 26 Aug.



Mrs. Niana Little (Converse) Davis.



Col. Henry Davis, Jr.

1849. His father was Henry Davis, Senior, born in Nashville, Tenn., 24 April 1817, His mother was Caroline Kipler, born in Georgetown, Ky., July 1820. Henry Davis, Jr., is Inspector of Arms in the 5th Regiment, Illinois National Guard, with rank of Colonel. He is principally occupied in the management of his father's estate.

ELSIE MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Springfield, Ill., 1 April 1876; married, 20 June 1898, to Edward Everett Staley, merchant, of Springfield, Ill., who was born in Springfield.



Mrs. Elsie May (Converse) Staley.



Edward Everett Staley.

Ill., 4 Dec. 1871, son of David H. and Sarah C. (Curley) Staley; both natives of Washington Co., Md.; the former born there 19 Feb. 1839; the latter born there 2 Feb. 1849.



Ellen Esther Converse.



Ruth Edna Converse.

ELLEN ESTHER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Springfield, Ill., 5 Aug. 1880.

RUTH EDNA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Springfield, Ill., 7 Jan. 1886.

356. DOCTOR ALBERT LUTHER CONVERSE⁸ (*Henry*⁷ (189), *Otis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Painesville, Ohio, 29 June 1842. He was graduated in medicine 4 March 1864, and practised



Albert Luther Converse, M. D.



Mrs. Henrietta (Thompson) Converse.

his profession ten years in central Illinois. Since then he has been engaged in farming, and as a dealer in real estate. He is now President of the Springfield

Paving Brick Company, a corporation doing business in Springfield, Ill. He is active in Christian work, and is prominent in public affairs. He has twice represented this district in the Illinois legislature, and is a member of the Sangaman County Board of Supervisors, and President of the Springfield Associated Board of Charities. He married, in Springfield, Ill., 6 September 1864, Henrietta Thompson, who was born in Louisville, Ky., 16 March 1844, daughter of Aaron and Lavinia (Smith) Thompson, both natives of Long Hill, N. J., the former born 3 December 1812 and the latter born 26 June 1816.

Children of Dr. Albert Luther and Henrietta (Thompson) Converse:



Florence Niana Converse.

FLORENCE NIANA CONVERSE,^o born in Springfield, Ill., 24 Aug. 1865; died there 27 Sept. 1883.

AN AIS CONVERSE,^o born, in Springfield, 24 July 1867; married Dr. Frank Buchanan Smith. (450)

OLIVE THOMPSON CONVERSE,^o born, in Springfield, 27 June 1870; died 6 Feb. 1872.



Henry Aaron Converse.

HENRY AARON CONVERSE,^o born, in Springfield, 19 Sept. 1875; was graduated from law department of the University of Michigan in 1900. He was a member there of Delta Chi fraternity, of which he was President in his Senior year. In 1901, he was appointed first assistant U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. He and his sister Anais witnessed the golden weddings of their paternal and maternal grandparents.

ALBERT EDWARD CONVERSE,^o born, in Springfield, 26 Feb. 1881; was graduated from Springfield High School in 1898. Entered Dental College in Sept. 1901.
HENRIETTA CONVERSE,^o born, in Springfield, 27 March 1890.



Albert Edward Converse.



Henrietta Converse.

358. **FRANK MOSBY CONVERSE**^s (*Albert*⁷ (193), *Otis*,^o *Joel*,^s *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,^o *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in New Orleans, La., in



Frank Mosby Converse.



Mrs. Bassilia (Colchada) Converse.

1846. He was a soldier, C. S. A., and was inside of Fort Morgan, Mobile Bay, Ala., during the entire time that fortification underwent the siege and terrific bombardment by the Union fleet, under Farragut, but escaped without a wound.

At the surrender of Fort Morgan, he was paroled, and did no further active service. His comrades spoke of him as being brave and fearless in the discharge of his military duties. After the war he removed to Brackettville, Texas, where he resided until his death 4 May 1886. In 1881 and 1882 he was in the employ of Thomas Piggott, at Brackettville, as accountant. He was also, for four or six years, Hide and Cattle Inspector of Kinney County, Texas. He was a Justice of the Peace, and, at the time of his death, held the office of Deputy Sheriff. He married at Eagle Pass, Texas, 31 May 1868, Bassilia Colchada, who was born in Laredo, Texas, in 1847, daughter of Hilario Colchado and Refugia Colchado, *née* Hernandez de Cardenas. She died 15 September 1883 in Brackettville, where their four children were born, which continues to be the place of residence of his surviving children.



Frank Mosby Converse.

Children:

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 Dec. 1869; married, in Brackettville, 5 Dec. 1885, Emilio Gonzales, who was born 22 May 1861 in Cuatro, Cienegas, in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, the son of Juan and Trinidad (Gutierrez) Gonzales of Monclova, state of Coahuila, Mexico. To Emilio and Mary (Converse) Gonzales five children were born in Brackettville:

MARIA BACILIA GONZALES,¹⁰ b. 2 Sept. 1886.

EMILIO CONVERSE GONZALES,¹⁰ b. 2 March 1891.

JOSE GONZALES,¹⁰ b. 25 Jan. 1893.

FRANCISCO GONZALES,¹⁰ b. 10 March 1895.

MARIA ERLINDA GONZALES,¹⁰ b. 20 Feb. 1897.

ALBERT CONVERSE,⁹ born 19 Sept. 1872.

CECILIO CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 Nov. 1875.

FRANK CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 April 1880; died 28 June 1890.

359. ALBERT CONVERSE⁸ (*Albert*⁷ (193), *Otis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Arcola, La., 9 May 1862. He was left an orphan at the age of seven years, and was placed under the guardianship of his uncle, William Porter Converse. In 1872 and 1873 he was a pupil in the public schools of New York City; and in 1874 he attended the High School at Burlington, Vt., residing with the family of Rev. John Kendrick Converse. Finally, for two years, he was a pupil in the boarding school of Swithin T. Short-

ledge at Media, Pa. Leaving school, he was employed for about a year in the office of William R. Utley, banker and broker, 31 Pine St., New York City. In 1879, he removed to the place of residence of his brother Frank, Brackettville,



Albert Converse.

Texas, where he was engaged for about two years as Deputy Cattle Inspector. He then removed to Pecos County, Texas, where he was employed on a cattle ranch. Upon the organization, shortly after, by John Maddox of Austin, Texas, of a surveying party to survey Crockett and Pecos Counties, he joined that party as flagman, but, as the Lapan Indians from the Santa Rosa Mountains of Mexico were on the war path, and as the twelve government scouts guarding the surveying party were recalled to patrol the Rio Grande, he was sent as a guard with the pack train. On this expedition the party was seven days without provisions. While reconnoitring, alone, for provisions,

he found the trail of a band of Lapan Indians who had murdered a family and stolen horses; and he was the means of their capture and punishment by putting a troop of cavalry on their trail. Upon another occasion his party exchanged a few shots with a band of Lapan Indians who had stolen some of their horses, and whom they chased across the Rio Grande into Mexico, but could not pursue further on account of a law prohibiting parties of armed men from crossing the border. In this survey service, he continued until the work was completed, after which he was employed for about a year by the Independence Cattle Company in Pecos County, as a cowboy, and for about six months he was employed at Pecos Station, New Mexico, by the Littlefield Cattle Company to break horses. Some time was then spent by him in traveling through south-western New Mexico, Arizona, and the pan-handle of Texas, including a short stop at Fort Bascom, N. M., and a sojourn at Charles Goodnight's ranch during the winter of 1885-6. While stopping temporarily at the ranch of his friends Reed and Bruton, in the spring of 1885, he and his hosts' party narrowly escaped destruction by Geronimo's band. From April 1886, he was, for nine years, employed by the Cimarron Cattle Company in New Mexico, to break horses; and later as range foreman. He left their service, in 1895, to manage a cattle ranch and stock of horses which he owned in partnership with George Williams. The horses were exchanged for cattle with the Mexicans. This business

was carried on at the foot of the Staked Plains, in San Miguel County, New Mexico, where the partners had a pasture of 7,000 acres; but they afterwards located in Wheeler County, Texas. The partnership with Mr. Williams was dissolved in the fall of 1898, from which time until October 1899, Mr. Converse conducted the business without a partner, and resided at Mobeetie, Wheeler County, Texas. He also taught a school there for a portion of the time; and during that period he married, on Thanksgiving day, 25 November 1897, one of his pupils, Manie Orilia Turcotte, born in Mobeetie, 15 December 1882. Her mother was Carrie Amanda Wiant, born in America City, Nehama County, Kansas, in 1863, and daughter of Samuel Rose and Mary (Hull) Wiant. Samuel Rose Wiant now (1900) resides in Wheeler County, Texas, ten miles northeast of Mobeetie. Mrs. Converse is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Mrs. Manie Orilia (Turcotte) Converse.

Her father is George Turcotte who was born in Quebec, P. Q., in 1838, son of John and Julia (Lemieux) Turcotte, of St. Henry, P. Q. George Turcotte was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. He enlisted at Waterloo, Ill., in the 49th Illinois Volunteers, under Capt. Thomas Morgan, in Company A. The principal battles in which he fought were Fort Donaldson; Shiloh; Corinth, Miss.; Inca; Brownsville; and Little Rock. He marched to Atlanta with Sherman; and, after the war, went to White Water, Butler County, Kansas, and thence about 1879, to Mobeetie, where he has a farm ten miles northeast of the town. 12 October 1899, Mr. Converse moved to Endee, New Mexico, having bought an interest in a brand of cattle there. The ranch was sixty-five miles from Hereford, Texas, the nearest railway station. In April 1900 he withdrew from this business, and returned to Mobeetie, in order to contest a land case in the courts.



Mary Converse.

Child of Albert and Manie Orilia (Turcotte) Converse:

MARY CONVERSE,* born, 5 Oct. 1898, on her father's ranch ten miles east of Mobeetie.

360. MARY ESTHER CONVERSE⁸ (*Rev. William Amherst Coult⁷ (200), Joel,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stewartstown, N. H., 27 October 1861; married, 9 March 1885, by Rev. W. A. C. Converse, to Oscar Miller Forbes, who was born in Colebrook, N. H., 28 January 1864, son of Allen H. and Sarah (Rolfe) Forbes.



Mrs. Mary Esther (Converse) Forbes.



Oscar Miller Forbes.

artstown, N. H., 27 October 1861; married, 9 March 1885, by Rev. W. A. C. Converse, to Oscar Miller Forbes, who was born in Colebrook, N. H., 28 January 1864, son of Allen H. and Sarah (Rolfe) Forbes.

Children of Oscar Miller and Mary Esther (Converse) Forbes:

HOMER CONVERSE FORBES,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 21 Sept. 1886.

JOYCE FORBES,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 19 Oct. 1891.

ALLEN HARRIS FORBES,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 8 May 1894.



Joyce Forbes. Allen Harris Forbes.



Homer Converse Forbes.

361. ANNE FLAGG CONVERSE⁸ (*Rev. William Amherst Coult⁷ (200), Joel,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stewartstown, N. H., 2 May 1869; was married by Rev. W. A. C. Converse, 27 June 1886, to Charles Alvah Heath, who was born in Stewartstown, N. H., 8 May 1864, son of Almanzo and Rebecca (Bunnell) Heath.



Mrs. Anne (Flagg) Converse Heath.
Charles Alvah Heath.
Mary Isabel Heath.
Elroy Charles Heath.
William Almanzo Heath.
Annie Ludelle Heath.

*Children of Charles Alvah and Anne Flagg
(Converse) Heath, all born in Stewartstown:*

MARY ISABEL HEATH,⁹ born 11 Sept. 1887.

ALICE REBECCA HEATH,⁹ born 6 Dec. 1888; died 2 April 1889.

ELROY CHARLES HEATH,⁹ born 7 Sept. 1890.

WILLIAM ALMANZO HEATH,⁹ born 19 May 1892.

ANNIE LUDELLE HEATH,⁹ born 24 Jan. 1895.

LORIS HEATH,⁹ born 16 Feb. 1897; died 18 June 1898.

SARAH ARDES HEATH,⁹ born 8 May 1899.

362. ELIZABETH HORTON CONVERSE⁸ (*Rev. William Amherst Coult⁷* (200), *Joel,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stewartstown, N. H., 25 September 1873; married 26 September 1895, by



Ernest S. Underhill.



Mrs. Elizabeth Horton (Converse) Underhill.

Rev. W. A. C. Converse, to Ernest S. Underhill, who was born in Piermont, N. H., 27 September 1870, son of Horace and Lucy (Palmer) Underhill.

Child:

HENRY WILLIAM UNDERHILL,⁹ born in Piermont, N. H., 17 Aug. 1897.

363. MARY LOUISA CONVERSE⁸ (*Capt. Alpheus⁷* (201), *Theron,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Lyme, N. H., 27

June 1842. She received her education in the public schools, supplemented by a few terms at Newbury Seminary, and spent several years in teaching. She was married at Lyndon, Vt., 30 August 1865, by Rev. G. H. Bickford, to William Strong Atkins, farmer, of Cabot, Vt., only son of Col. Jeremiah and Sarepta (Hincher) Atkins of Cabot. Col. Jeremiah Atkins was an officer in the State militia. Mrs. Sarepta (Hincher) Atkins was a native of Bethel, Vermont. William Strong Atkins died 14 May 1887. The following obituary sketch of him then published includes some of the principal events of his life:

William S. Atkins was born 23 February 1834, on the old Atkins homestead, Cabot, Vermont. Here, amid the hallowed associations of an honored ancestry, he spent his boyhood and youth, and to this place he brought his bride in 1865. He received a good practical education in the schools of his native town, supplemented by several terms at Peacham Academy and Newbury Seminary, and all



Mrs. Mary Louisa (Converse) Atkins.



William Strong Atkins.

his life was interested in education, secular and religious, during the last three years being a member of the school board.

At the age of sixteen he sought and found the Saviour and united with the Methodist church, of which he was ever after a stanch supporter and earnest worker, and for many years a faithful steward. For more than twenty years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

In the midst of an active and very useful life, he was prostrated, February 12 with a disease of the brain which culminated March 12 in apoplexy. Contrary to the expectations of physicians, he partially recovered and was spared a few more precious weeks to his family, when the disease assumed a more violent form and after a few days ended his life on earth. On the following Tuesday afternoon his frail body was laid tenderly away beneath the springing grass and budding flowers, fit emblems of the glorious resurrection awaiting the immortal soul.

The Converse Family

He whose daily living was near his God was not dismayed at the approach of death, and with the calm content which characterized him, he felt that, living or dying, all was well. His ideal was the perfect life of Christ and his constant aim had been to be like Him. In the days when death seemed certain, he left messages of love and Christian faith for the different members of his family, including one for the little son—to be given him when he should be old enough to understand.

To the church he sent these farewell words: "Tell the church not to weary in well-doing, for in due season they shall reap if they faint not. They are doing a sure and certain work."

Of his own experience he said, "'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' This, it seems, is being made true."

It was made true, indeed. As the saddened family and friends look back upon this life, so rich in Christian strength and manliness, more than ever does it seem to them as he himself said, "A Christian life pays, always."



Flora Jane Atkins.

Mrs. Mary Louisa (Converse) Atkins resides in Cabot, Vt., and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place.

Children of William Strong and Mary Louisa (Converse) Atkins:

FLORA JANE ATKINS,^{*} born, in Cabot, 30 July 1868; graduated from the Montpelier Seminary in 1890. She has been a successful teacher, and also a faithful and efficient teacher in the Sabbath School.



Susan Snow Atkins.

SUSAN SNOW ATKINS,^{*} born, in Cabot, 18 Oct. 1869; was graduated from Montpelier Seminary in 1890. Excelling as a mathematician, she has been engaged in teaching, and, in 1892, was Superintendent of Public Schools in Cabot.

LUNA ESTELLE ATKINS,⁶ born, in Cabot, 12 Dec. 1873; was graduated from Montpelier Seminary in 1897; engaged in teaching.

WESLEY CONVERSE ATKINS,⁶ born, in Cabot, 19 Nov. 1884; a student in the public schools of Cabot.

The son and three daughters above named are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cabot, Vt.



Luna Estelle Atkins.



Wesley Converse Atkins.

364. BENJAMIN CLARK CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Alpheus*⁷ (201), *Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born at Lyme, N. H., 29 November 1849; died at Northfield, Vt., 18 July 1879. His education was received at the seminaries at Newbury and Montpelier, Vermont. He removed,



Benjamin Clark Converse.



Mrs. Hannah Adelaide (Bemis)
Converse.

in 1871, to Ypsilanti, Mich., where he was employed in the drug store of John Frank Smith who married Miriam Elizabeth Converse⁷ (*Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). Benjamin Clark Converse moved,

in 1872, to Manchester, Iowa, where he was engaged in mercantile business. He was married at Williamstown, Vt., 4 November 1873, by the father of the bride, to Hannah Adelaide Bemis, of Williamstown, Vt., who was born at Weathersfield, Vt., 14 October 1850, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Wright and Caroline Augusta (Bartholomew) Bemis of Weathersfield and Northfield, Vt. Rev. J. W. Bemis died 21 April 1894. In 1877, Benjamin Clark Converse returned to Vermont, where he resided one year in Montpelier, one year in Hartford, and thereafter in Northfield. Upon his return to Vermont in 1877, he entered the service of the Vermont Bible Society as colporteur, in which service he was an active, zealous, and very useful laborer. This connection continued until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a Steward, Exhorter and Sunday School Superintendent. He was warm-hearted, generous, and an earnest and self-sacrificing laborer for his home, those around him, and the Church. Many will remember his affable bearing, kind words, and Christian counsel. Since his death, the family have resided at Northfield, Vermont.

Children of Benjamin Clark and Hannah Adelaide (Bemis) Converse:

CAROLINE JANE CONVERSE,* born in Manchester, Iowa, 29 Jan. 1876, educated in the graded and High Schools of Northfield, Vt.

HAROLD BEMIS CONVERSE,* born in Hartford, Vt., 5 Feb. 1879; educated in the graded and High Schools of Northfield, Vt., and at Mr. Moody's school at Mt. Hermon, Mass.; assistant postmaster Northfield, Vt., 1900. In 1901 and 1902 he was em-



Caroline Jane Converse.



Harold Bemis Converse.

ployed in the office of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa., at the same time studying for the M. E. ministry. During this time his mother and sister resided with him in Philadelphia. He removed with them, Sept. 1902, to New York City, to become Assistant Secretary of the Young Men's Institute, 222 and 224 Bowery, a branch of the Y. M. C. A.

365. HERBERT BRADLEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Benjamin Porter*⁷ (204), *Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born at Lyme, N. H., 4 August 1855; married, first, by Rev. T. C. Platt, at Orford, N. H., 8 March 1881, to Ida Lillian Chandler, of Orford, N. H., who was born in Orford, 20 November



Herbert Bradley Converse. Mrs. Amy Estelle (Pingree) Converse. Mrs. Ida Lillian (Chandler) Converse.

1863, daughter of Levi and Julia (Green) Chandler, and who died at Claremont, N. H., 25 January 1884. Mr. Converse was married, second, by Rev. Mr. Robbins, at Claremont, N. H., 17 March 1888, to Amy Estelle Pingree, who was born in Lyme, N. H., 14 January 1863, daughter of Iremus and Louisa (Currier) Pingree. In 1881, he removed from Lyme to Claremont, N. H., where he is a farmer. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Charlestown, N. H., in which he was Superintendent of the Sunday School in 1892 and 1893, and one of the Stewards, 1895-98. He was a member of Claremont School Board, and Treasurer of School District, 1895-6-7; member of Claremont Grange, No. 9, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was Lecturer, 1892, Overseer, 1893-94, and Master, 1895-96.



Son of Herbert Bradley and Ida Lillian (Chandler) Converse:

SIDNEY BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Claremont, N. H., 31 Aug. 1883, student in Stevens High School, Claremont, in class of 1902.

Sydney Benjamin Converse.

366. SIDNEY ALPHEUS CONVERSE⁸ (*Benjamin Porter*⁷ (204), *Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H.,

5 July 1858; married, in Lyme, by Rev. W. A. C. Converse, 7 October 1891, to Ila Maude Lincoln, of Lyme, who was born in Tunbridge, Vt., 15 September 1870, daughter of Gardner H. and Sarah F. (Sanborn) Lincoln. No children. Mr. Converse owns and cultivates a farm of about 150 acres situated at a distance of a quarter of a mile from the village of Lyme. Since 1888 he has been secretary



Sydney Alpheus Converse.



Mrs. Ila Maude (Lincoln) Converse.

and treasurer of the Lyme Creamery Company, which has an annual production of butter of about \$50,000 value. He is a member of Morning Star Grange, No. 62, of Lyme, of which he was Overseer from December 1896 to December 1898, since which time he has been Master of the Grange. Since March 1897, he has been one of the Selectmen of Lyme.

367. ANNIE MIRIAM CONVERSE⁸ (*Eleazer Carpenter*⁷ (205), *Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born at Newport,



Mrs. Annie Miriam (Converse) Currier.



David Morrison Currier, M.D.

N. H., 14 May 1852; married at Newport, N. H., 29 December 1881, by Rev. John Wesley Adams, to David Morrison Currier, M.D., who was born in Grafton, N. H., 15 September 1840, son of David and Rhoda (Morse) Currier, of Grafton. David Currier was born in Canaan, N. H., 8 February 1803; Mrs. Rhoda (Morse) Currier was born in Enfield, N. H., 5 July 1807. David Morrison Currier is a successful physician at Newport, N. H., and is widely known in that locality. He received education at N. H. Conference Academy, spent a year and a half at McLean Asylum, Somerville, Mass., two years with Dixi and A. B. Crosby, Hanover, N. H., and was graduated at the Dartmouth Medical College in 1867. Mrs. Annie Miriam Converse Currier is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Helen Miriam Currier.
Josephine Bessie Currier.

Children of Dr. David Morrison and Annie Miriam (Converse) Currier:

HELEN MIRIAM CURRIER,⁸ born at Newport, N. H., 5 June 1891.

JOSEPHINE BESSIE CURRIER,⁸ born at Newport, N. H., 23 June 1893.

368. SADIE HELEN CONVERSE⁸ (*Eleazer Carpenter*⁷ (205), *Theron*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Newport, N. H., 25 October 1856; married in Newport, N. H., 23 October 1878, by Rev.



Mrs. Sarah Helen (Converse) Leach.



David Leach.

A. W. Bunker, to David Leach, stone cutter, who was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, 18 December 1847, son of James and Jane (—) Leach. The place of residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Leach is Newport, N. H., where Mrs.



Annie Elizabeth Leach.

Leach is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She has a large Sunday School class. A booklet of devotional stanzas composed by her is entitled "Thoughts for Easter."

Children of David and Sadie Helen (Converse) Leach:

ANNIE ELIZABETH LEACH,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 25 July 1879; member of M. E. Church.



John David Leach.

JOHN DAVID LEACH,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 20 Oct. 1883.

HAROLD CONVERSE LEACH,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 9 Jan. 1891. As a result of an illness in infancy, he became blind, and died in Newport April 1900.



Mrs. Hattie C. (Converse) Temple.

369. HATTIE CARPENTER CONVERSE⁸ (*Eleazer Carpenter*⁷ (205), *Theron*,⁸ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Newport, N. H., 4 February 1865; died in her native town, 29 October 1892; married 4 September 1884, by Rev. James Noyes, to Edwin Bowdoin Temple of Everett, Mass., who was born in West Gloucester, Mass., 5 January 1863, son of Howard Elder Temple (born, Providence, R.I., 20 May 1840) and wife, Caroline Elizabeth Humphrey (born in Salem, Mass., 7 February 1843). Mrs. Hattie Carpenter (Converse) Temple was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Edith Alzira Temple.

Children:

EDITH ALZIRA TEMPLE,⁹ born in Newport, N. H., 28 April 1886. After her mother's death her home was with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Carpenter Converse at Newport, N. H.

HOWARD CONVERSE TEMPLE,⁹ born in Jamaica Plains, Mass., 28 Jan. 1888; died there 23 Dec. 1889.

370. CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE⁸ (*Major Peter Mills'* (210), *Marquis,*⁶ *Joel,*⁵ *Thomas,*⁴ *Samuel,*³ *Sergeant Samuel,*² *Deacon Edward'*), born in Lyme, N. H., 25 August 1847; married at Thetford, Vt., 11 November 1873, by Rev. R. T. Searle of Thetford Hill, to Georgiana Heath of Thetford, Vt., who was born in Thetford, 31 October 1853, daughter of Josiah Bradley and Lucetta (Pulsifer) Heath. Mr. Converse was in the service of the Passumpsic Railroad Company



Charles Henry Converse.



Mrs. Georgiana (Heath) Converse

as station agent at Sherbrooke, P. Q., from March 1873 till the spring of 1881, having previously served for fifteen months as clerk in the freight and ticket office there. From 1881 to 1884, he was freight agent of the Passumpsic Railroad at St. Johnsbury, Vt. Then, after spending some years on the Heath farm at Thetford, he entered the service of the Central Vermont Railroad in 1887 in the freight office at Brattleboro, remaining there until his appointment as freight cashier at



William Henry Converse.

New London, Conn., in 1892. In 1894 he relinquished the latter position to carry on the dairy farm which he purchased in East Putney, Vt., where he now resides, and where he serves the town as one of the Selectmen, and as Town Commissioner of Schools.

Children:

WILLIAM HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Thetford, Vt., 31 Dec. 1875; died 28 July 1877.



Florence Maude Converse.

FLORENCE MAUDE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Sherbrooke, P. Q., 14 Dec. 1877; educated in the schools of Brattleboro, Vt.; now a student of music in East Putney, Vt.



Charles Avelon Converse.

CHARLES AVELON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Sherbrooke, P. Q., 26 May 1880; educated in the schools of Brattleboro and E. Putney; now employed as chief clerk by E. E. Perry, merchant, of Brattleboro, Vt.

371. LUCRETIA EASTMAN CONVERSE⁸ (*Major Peter Mills*⁷ (210), *Marquis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 6 January 1851. She received education in the public school of Lyme, and in Orford Academy. She was married, 25 August 1873, in Manchester, N. H., by William J. Tucker, President of Dartmouth College, to Charles West-



Mrs. Lucretia Eastman (Converse) Bailey.



Charles Westley Bailey.

ley Bailey of Manchester, N. H., who was born at Newbury, Vt., 25 August 1848, son of Charles H. and Ann (Chapman) Bailey. He is the senior member of the firm of Bailey & Goging, of Manchester, makers of carriages, and is Grand Vice Warden and one of the executive committee of The New England Order of Protection. Mrs. Bailey is also a member of that order, in which she is Grand Treasurer, and one of the executive committee.

Child:

HARRY LOUIS BAILEY,⁹ born in Manchester, N. H., 13 November 1877; was graduated from the Manchester High School in June 1896; employed for a year as a clerk in



Harry Louis Bailey.



Harry Louis Bailey.

the wholesale house of Parker, Sampson, Adams and Company in Boston; is now learning cotton manufacturing in Manchester, N. H. He is First Lieut. of the Manchester Cadets.

372. FREDERIC WHITE CONVERSE⁶ (*Major Peter Mills*⁷ (210), *Marquis*,⁸ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, 10 February 1857; educated in the Lyme district school and in the academy at Thetford Hill; married, in Boston, Mass., 25 December 1882, by Rev. Samuel



Frederic White Converse.



Mrs. Nellie (Lyon) Converse.

B. Crufts, to Nellie Lyon of West Fairlee, Vt., who was born in West Fairlee, Vt., 30 March 1857, daughter of Cyrus and Emily (Morey) Lyon of West Fairlee. Mr. Converse is in the employ of the West End Elevated Railway Company, 101 Milk Street, Boston, Mass., as an accountant, and resides in Somerville, Mass.

Child:



Clarence Stanley Converse.

CLARENCE STANLEY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Roslindale, Mass., 15 Oct. 1885.

373. MARQUIS MILLS CONVERSE^a (*Major Peter Mills'* (210), *Marquis,*^a *Joel,*^b *Thomas,*^c *Samuel,*^d *Sergeant Samuel,*^e *Deacon Edward*^f), born in Lyme, N. H., 23 October 1861; married at Lebanon, N. H., 23 October 1884, by Rev. Mr. Knox, to Alice Houghton Sargent, of Lebanon, N. H., who was born, in Lebanon, 18 July 1862, daughter of Cyrus Edwin Sargent and Maria (Houghton) Sargent. Mrs. Maria Houghton Sargent was the daughter of the brother of Samuel Storms Houghton who married Mary Cross Converse^g (*Marquis,*^a *Joel,*^b *Thomas,*^c *Samuel,*^d *Sergeant Samuel,*^e *Deacon Edward*^f).

Marquis Mills Converse was educated at Lyme School and at North Thetford (Vt.), Academy. For a year he was in the service of the Passumpsic Railroad Company at Sherbrooke, P. Q., in the station there, during his brother Charles Henry's agency of that railroad in that town. In 1880 he entered the department store of Houghton and Dutton, in Boston, where he remained two years



Marquis Mills Converse.



Mrs. Alice Houghton (Sargent) Converse.

as buyer, and six years as General Superintendent. Failing health necessitating his return to the country, he bought the dry-goods store of George M. Houghton at Lebanon, N. H., and, in 1887, removed to that place, where he remained two years. In 1890 he removed to Boston and built up a large business as a wholesale rubber boot and shoe merchant, as a member of the firm of Converse and Pike, on Federal Street, which, in 1898, was changed to M. M. Converse, 220 Congress Street. From 1884 to 1887 the family resided in Winchester, Mass.; from 1887 to 1890 in Lebanon, N. H.; and since 1890 their residence has been at Medford, Mass., where Mr. Converse is a member of Mystic Congregational Church, Salem Street, and Treasurer of the Church Society. Ill health, in consequence

of overwork, obliged him to relinquish business cares for a time, and to seek in rest a restoration of health. He is now manager of the Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Co., manufacturers of rubber shoes, with office at 181 Congress Street.

Children of Marquis Mills and Alice Houghton (Sargent) Converse:



Frieda Converse.

FRIEDA CONVERSE,⁹
born in Lebanon,
N. H., 28 May
1888; was a stu-
dent in Medford
(Mass.) Grammar
School.



Frieda Converse.



John Kendrick Converse.

HAROLD MARQUIS
CONVERSE,⁹ born
in Lebanon, N.H..
21 March 1890.

JOHN KENDRICK
CONVERSE,⁹ born
in Medford, Mass.,
29 Jan. 1898;
named after Rev.
John Kendrick
Converse⁸ (Joel,¹
Thomas,⁴ Samuel,²
Sergeant Samuel,³
Deacon Edward¹).



Harold Marquis Converse.

374. MARY PEACHY CONVERSE⁸ (*Rev. Dr. Francis Bartlett*⁷ (216), *Rev. Dr. Amasa*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Richmond, Va., 16 June 1867; married, 19 April 1894, Charles Hodge, who



Mrs. Mary Peachy (Converse) Hodge.



Charles Hodge, M.D.

was born 3 September 1863. His father was Charles Hodge, Jr., M.D., and his mother was Martha Gray Janeway. He is now engaged in the office of the Christian Observer in Louisville, Ky.

Child:

ELIZABETH PEACHY HODGE,⁹ born 1 August 1895, whose line of descent from Benjamin Franklin, Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge, and Dr. Thomas Leiper Janeway is as follows:

- I. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (born 6 Jan. 1706; died 6 April 1790); married, 1730, Deborah Reed.
- II. SARAH FRANKLIN (born 11 Sept. 1744; died 5 Oct. 1808); married, 3 Oct. 1760, Richard Bache (born 12 Sept. 1737; died 29 July 1811).
- III. WILLIAM BACHE married Catherine Wistar.
- IV. SARAH BACHE (born 1797; died 1849); married Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D. (born 1797; died 1878), for many years Professor of Theology in Princeton Theological Seminary.
- V. CHARLES HODGE, JR., M.D. (born 1831; died 1876), married Martha Gray Janeway (born 1833).

- VI. CHARLES HODGE married Mary Peachy Converse.
- VII. ELIZABETH PEACHY HODGE.

Benjamin Franklin's record is too well known to require any comment. Sarah (Franklin) Bache was a very extraordinary woman. She was the wife of Richard Bache, who succeeded Dr. Franklin as Postmaster General of the United States. Her work to alleviate the sufferings of the half clad soldiers of the Revolutionary Army, during the severe winter of 1780, was remarkable. More than 2200 women were at one time employed under her direction in sewing for the Army. She had eight children.



Elizabeth Peachy Hodge.

Charles Hodge, D.D., was born in Philadelphia 28 Dec. 1797. He founded the Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review in 1825; was Professor in Princeton Theological Seminary from 1822 until his death, and was perhaps the ablest theologian — certainly one of the ablest — that this country has ever produced.

Charles Hodge, M.D., was a physician in Trenton, N.J. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Thomas Leiper Janeway, who was Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and then for many years pastor of the North Presbyterian church, Philadelphia. Dr. Janeway was a descendant of George Janeway who was the signer of the call for a Provincial Congress in New York on 26 April 1775, and who served as captain in the 22nd New York City militia at the beginning of the Revolution.

It will thus be seen that Peachy Hodge is a lineal descendant, on her father's side, of the editor of the oldest newspaper and the father of journalism in the United States; on her mother's side a lineal descendant of one of the pioneers in religious journalism, who spent his life as the editor of the oldest *religious newspaper* in the world, her father also being engaged in the same work.



Coat of Arms of Hodge (colors: argent and sable).

375. DOCTOR GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVERSE^s (*Sanford*^r (225), *Rev. Jeremiah*,^s *Capt. Pain*,^s *Pain*,^s *Samuel*,^s *Sergeant Samuel*,^s *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Bridport, Vt., 19 August 1803; died in Georgesville, Franklin County, Ohio, 26 October 1827; married Cassandra Cook, in Harlem, Delaware County, Ohio, in 1823.

Child:

GEORGE LEROY CONVERSE,^s Hon., born, in Georgesville, 4 June 1827; married, 1st, Sarah Eveline Patterson; married, 2nd, Eloise Langdon. (452)

376. JOHN NELSON CONVERSE^s (*Sanford*^r (225), *Rev. Jeremiah*,^s *Capt. Pain*,^s *Pain*,^s *Samuel*,^s *Sergeant Samuel*,^s *Deacon Edward*¹), born "near Shoreham, Vt.," 18 April 1808; died 8 October 1855. He removed from Vermont

to Ohio; farmer; lived in Licking County, Ohio, and in Mt. Victory, Ohio; buried in Mt. Victory, Ohio. Mr. Converse married, 18 April 1826, Fanny Bowman, who was born 10 May 1808, and who died in Marlboro, N. H., 22 December 1902. The following obituary notice has been received without the date or name of newspaper in which it appeared:

Passed to the higher life in Marlboro, N. H., Dec. 22, Mrs. John N. Converse, widow of the late Nelson Converse, aged 81 years. The life of this sister was so intimately associated with the interests of the community that it hardly seems as if she could be spared. She was a helpful member of the Universalist church and the Ladies Circle, and was always ready to do her part in any good work. She was a strong, reliant soul, always abounding in good cheer, was generous and kind, and upright in her daily life. Her faculties remained strong and clear till a few days before her death, when old age suddenly broke down her physical powers, and she sank into an unconsciousness from which she awoke in heaven. The respect in which she was held was evinced by the large gathering at the funeral, which was attended by her pastor, Rev. C. F. McIntire. C. F. M.

Children of John Nelson and Fanny (Bowman) Converse:

SIMON WELLINGTON CONVERSE.⁹ His brother, Dr. Washington Eldorado Converse, after many years, from memory, gives his name as Simon Bolivar Converse; says he was a farmer, postmaster at Converse, Ohio; that he married Blooming Fair Brown, and had son, FRANKLIN CONVERSE,¹⁰ and daughter ROZALTA CONVERSE.¹⁰ The genealogical record of Howard J. Converse of Plain City, Ohio, gives his name as Simon Wellington Converse, says he was born 28 Jan. 1827, married and had daughter: ROSA ALICE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Licking Co., Ohio, 5 Oct. 1850; married by Rev. Lemuel Herbert of the M. E. Church, Central Ohio Conference, at her father's home in Jennings Township, Van Wert Co., Ohio, 31 Oct. 1867, to J. B. Longworth, who was born 28 Feb. 1845, in Licking Co., Ohio; enlisted in March 1864 in Co. C, 32nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was with Sherman in his "March to the Sea," served till the close of the war; discharged July 1865; now (1903) resides in Jennings Township, Van Wert Co., Ohio; is engaged in farming, and has been class leader in the M. E. Church ten years. To J. B. and Rosa Alice (Converse) Longworth nine children were born in Jennings Township as follows:—

MARTHA ELNORA LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 30 Sept. 1868.

GRACIA FAIR LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 30 Jan. 1870.

JAMES WALTER LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 10 Sept. 1871.

REUBEN R. LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 27 Feb. 1878.

VERNON WELLINGTON LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 29 Nov. 1880.

FOREST DELLMORE LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 9 Sept. 1882.

BYRON JOSEPH LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 28 March 1885.

NELLIE BELL LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 19 June 1887.

ALICE LURLEY LONGSWORTH,¹¹ b. 31 Dec. 1889.

The Converse Family

CASSANDRA CONVERSE,⁹ born 2 April 1828; married William Adams of Concord, Ohio, and had sons: CALVIN, FRANKLIN, and JOHN.

LUCIUS RODNEY CONVERSE,⁹ DOCTOR, born 19 Nov. 1829; died 1883; married Emma Edelblute. (453)

WASHINGTON ELDORADO CONVERSE,⁹ DOCTOR, born 10 Sept. 1832; minister of Church of God; named George Washington Converse, but because there were so many Georges he called himself Washington Eldorado Converse. Residence, 1902, Shawnee P. O., Shawnee Co., Mo.; farmer; he has farm of 160 acres in Shawnee. Married Lydia Ellen Overton, daughter of James Overton, and widow of Rev. Joseph Jared, formerly teacher in Galesburg, Ill., College. No children.

ASA BROWN CONVERSE,⁹ born 29 Nov. 1835; died 8 July 1852; resided near Concord, Ohio; buried in Concord.

LOIS CONVERSE,⁹ born 13 Nov. 1837; died 22 Aug. 1866; married Blair Dillie of Mt. Victory, Ohio. She had twin daughters.

377. DOCTOR MARSHALL PERRY CONVERSE⁸ (*Sanford*⁷ (225), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 May 1817; died 6 January 1873. He decided early to devote his life to the practice of medicine and deservedly won the reputation of being one of the most successful pioneer practitioners of Madison County, Ohio. He married Parintha Stevens, daughter of Rev. Peter and Rebecca Stevens.

Children:

ORLENA RACKNEY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Madison Co., Ohio, 14 Dec. 1837; married 1st, in 1855, Robert Russell, dry-goods merchant. Orlena Rackney Converse,⁹ married, 2nd, Joseph Bryant, a prosperous farmer, of Louisa Co., Iowa. She died 25 Nov. 1893. Children:

MAY RUSSELL,¹⁰ m. — Roberts; resides in Tekamah, Neb.

HANNAH PAULINA RUSSELL,¹⁰ resides in San Francisco, Cal.

MERVIN B. CONVERSE,⁹ married, and resides in Springfield, Ill.

SELFINA CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 May 1845; died 3 June 1872; married Charles Henry Christy, farmer, of Wapello, Louisa Co., Iowa. Children:

CHARLES HENRY CHRISTY,¹⁰ JR.

NELLIE MAY CHRISTY,¹⁰ b. in Wapello, Ia., 3 April 1864; m. by Rev. N. H. Brown, in Ainsworth, Ia., 31 Jan. 1884, to William J. Craig, b. in Crawfordville, Ia., 5 Oct. 1862, son of Thomas and Malinda Jane (Ferguson) Craig, who were born in Knoxville, Tenn. Wm. J. Craig is a member of the M. E. Church of Martinsburg, Ia., and is associated in business there with Speirs Bros., General Merchandise. To Wm. J. and Nellie May (Christy) Craig two children have been born:

JESSIE ROSELLA CRAIG,¹¹ b., in Crawfordville, 3 March 1885; studied in Martinsburg, Ia., High School.

JENNIE MAY CRAIG,¹¹ b., in Crawfordville, 5 May 1897.

IDA ESTELLE CHRISTY,¹⁰ m. — Roberts; resides 1112 28th St., So. Omaha, Neb.

EMMA LOUISA CHRISTY,¹⁰ b., in Wapello, 22 Sept. 1868; m., in Wellington, Kansas, by Probate Judge I. Monnett, 13 Dec. 1886, to William Andrew Holt, b. in

Metrolin, Ill., 2 Aug. 1867; removed from Argonia, Kan., in Sept. 1891, to Kingfisher, Okla. He is in the employ of the Pabst Brewing Co. He is son of John Neal and Nancy Catherine (Crider) Holt, who were born in Kentucky. Of the four children of Wm. Andrew and Emma Louisa (Christy) Holt the first three were born in Argonia, Kan., viz:

FRANK HOLT,¹¹ b. 28 Dec. 1887.

MERLU HOLT,¹¹ b. 15 January 1890.

WILLIAM HOLT,¹¹ b. 25 June 1891.

LULU HOLT,¹¹ b. in Kingfisher, Okla., 5 Jan. 1897.

CARRIE ORLENA CHRISTY,¹⁰ m. — Steel; resides in Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Darby Plains, Madison Co., Ohio, 10 Sept. 1846; member M. E. Church; married in Warren, Ill., by Mr. Richardson, 10 June 1866, to William Wallace Hover, who was born in Salem, Mercy Co., Pa., 11 Sept. 1844; enlisted, 6 Aug. 1863, in Co. K, 96th Illinois Infantry, and was discharged 29 June 1865. His present occupation is engineering. His parents, William and Mary (Minrok) Hover, were born in Canton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace Hover moved from Illinois to Iowa, and, in 1882, to So. Dakota. They removed thence, 13 April 1899, to Denison, Iowa. Their four children are:

WILLIAM PERRY HOVER,¹⁰ b. in Millville, Ill., 9 April 1867; married and lives in Denison, Ia., where he is Supt. of the Denison Electric Light and Power Co.

MERVIN CARL HOVER,¹⁰ b. in Warren, Ill., 19 April 1870. Principal Music Department Denison Normal and Business College.

CHARLES FLOYD HOVER,¹⁰ b. 4 Nov. 1876.

ZELLA MAR HOVER,¹⁰ b. 27 April 1882.

GEORGE VIRGIL CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born in Liverpool, Pike Township, Ohio, 2 Nov. 1848; died in Hillsboro, Ia., 1 July 1899; married Jeannette Runyon. (454)

CAROLINE BELL CONVERSE,⁹ born in Liverpool, Pike Township, Ohio, 9 Nov. 1851; married, 31 Aug. 1869, to Isaac Harris, a wealthy farmer, living near Morning Sun, Ia., who died in his 36th year. Two children were born to them:

FRANK HARRIS,¹⁰ b. 11 Feb. 1872; d. 11 Oct. 1899.

MINNIE LORENE HARRIS,¹⁰ b. 22 Nov. 1876.

EMMA LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Fulton Co., Ill., 2 Dec. 1858; married by Rev. R. S. Cook, in Lewistown, Ill., 14 Feb. 1877, to John Willoughby Micklewait, who was born in Hillsboro, Ia., 3 March 1852. They reside in Hillsboro, Ia., where he has mercantile interests, and where he has acquired considerable property.

ALICE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Lewistown, Ill., 11 April 1861; married, 9 May 1881, to Elleb N. Jordan, who is a real estate and insurance agent in Hillsboro, Ia. He was born 16 July 1859, son of John and Mary E. Jordan. Children:

MARSHALL PERRY JORDAN,¹⁰ b. 1 Feb. 1882.

ELLA BELLE JORDAN,¹⁰ b. 17 July 1887.

JOHN L. JORDAN,¹⁰ b. 3 Dec. 1894; d. 5 Dec. 1894.

378. CALEB HEMENWAY CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*⁶, *Capt. Pain*⁵, *Pain*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Vermont, 4 December, 1810; died in Unionville, Ohio, 3 December 1895; married, 13 Jan-

uary 1830, Lovisa L. Ketch, who died 8 October 1885, near Unionville Center, Ohio. She was daughter of Lewis and Sally (Beach) Ketch.

Children:

- LEWIS A. CONVERSE,⁹ born 29 Nov. 1831; died 14 Nov. 1854.
 NATHAN W. CONVERSE,⁹ born in Union Co., Ohio, 13 Jan. 1835; married Mary McLarn. (455)
 OBIL BEACH CONVERSE,⁹ born 18 Nov. 1837; married Rebecca Josephine Parthemore. (456)
 SARAH CASSANDRA CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 April 1840; married George Duffield Mitchell. (457)
 ORSON PARLEY CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 May 1842; married Emeline Cramer. (458)
 JOHN QUINCY CONVERSE,⁹ born 8 Nov. 1844; married Mary Isabella Baxter. (459)
 MARTHA L. CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 July 1848; died 16 Oct. 1849.
 BUSHROD W. CONVERSE,⁹ born 20 July 1850; married Sarah E. Rice. (460)
 ORINDA J. CONVERSE,⁹ born 13 Feb. 1853; married Elon Edmund Smith. (461)
 WALTER M. CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Sept. 1855; died 9 March 1861, near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio.
 EMMA A. CONVERSE,⁹ born 26 June 1858; died 18 April 1859, near Unionville Center, Ohio.

379. SOPHIA CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Vermont, 11 May 1813; died in Plain City, Madison County, Ohio, 23 May 1897; married, 17 January 1830, Marova Beach, who was born, in Vermont, 1813, and who died in Plain City, Ohio, 9 October 1854.

Children:

- ARPA C. BEACH,⁹ born 1 Nov. 1830; married in Milford Center, Ohio, 11 Jan. 1849, James B. Whippley, merchant, born 24 March 1827; died 21 Oct. 1894. Children:
 HYLAS HEBER WHIPPLEY,¹⁰ b. in Milford Center, Ohio, 19 May 1850; m., 1 Nov. 1869, Mary A. Amrine, b. in Union Co., Ohio, 1849, dau. of Henry and Martha Amrine. Children:
 EDWIN M. WHIPPLEY,¹¹ b. in Marysville, Ohio, 6 Dec. 1870; m., Feb. 1897, Lena McCartney of Ashtabula, Ohio.
 JAMES H. WHIPPLEY,¹¹ b. in Marysville, Ohio, 9 June 1878; m., July 1898, Halla Dixon of Washington C. H., Ohio.
 ELIZABETH E. WHIPPLEY,¹⁰ b. 27 March 1852; died 31 Dec. 1853.
 ELIZABETH M. WHIPPLEY,¹⁰ b. in Milford Center, Ohio, 28 Feb. 1860; m., 28 Sept. 1886, Harry Edgar Sharrar, contractor and builder, b. in Manchester, Md., 10 March 1859, son of David and Sarah (Ports) Sharrar, both born in Maryland.
 CHARLES L. BEACH,⁹ born 20 Aug. 1832; died 14 June 1847.
 MARSHALL P. BEACH,⁹ born 8 Oct. 1835; married in Plain City, Ohio, Dec. 1859, Sophronia McCloud, daughter of Dr. Charles and Jane (Carpenter) McCloud. They had two children:
 LINN BEACH,¹⁰ b. and d. 1861.
 MATTIE E. BEACH,¹⁰ b. 1862; d. 1864.

EMMA E. BEACH,⁹ born 7 Jan. 1837; died 5 Feb. 1869; married, 15 Dec. 1855, L. L. Bigelow. They have had five children:

ANGELICA BIGELOW,¹⁰ b. Jan. 1857; d. 1863.

EMMA B. BIGELOW,¹⁰ b. 6 Nov. 1859; m., May 1878, Frank Ferris. They have a son:

WARREN FERRIS,¹¹ b. Sept. 1879.

MARSHALL BIGELOW,¹⁰ b. April 1860; m. Nellie McClain. They have two children:

HARRY BIGELOW,¹¹

MARK BIGELOW,¹¹

IRENA BIGELOW,¹⁰ b. 1862; m. Oct. 1878, Forrest Morfet. Children:

BESSIE MARTHA MORFET,¹¹

LEBBEUS BIGELOW MORFET,¹¹

ELLA BIGELOW,¹⁰ b. 21 Oct. 1866; m. Charles Boyd, b. 16 Feb. 1862, son of Hon. Daniel and Mary Ann (Smith) Boyd, of Madison Co., Ohio. They have daughter:

INA BOYD,¹¹ b. in Plain City, Ohio, 10 Aug. 1885.

ANDREW BEACH,⁹ born 18 Feb. 1840; died 26 April 1861.

BENJAMIN F. BEACH,⁹ born 14 May 1843; died 21 March 1865.

MASCHIL GRIFFIN BEACH,⁹ born in Jerome, Union Co., Ohio, 24 May 1846; died 21 Sept. 1868; m. 29 May 1866, Elenora MacIntire, born in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 11 July 1847, daughter of Joseph McIntire, born in Franklin Co., Ohio, and Mary Nixon (Howard) MacIntire, born in Washington Co., N.Y. They have one son:

KIRK WHITE BEACH,¹⁰ b. 21 Dec. 1866. This son removed to New Jersey in 1885; accountant; married in Marysville, Ohio, 9 Oct. 1890, Ella Anna Decker, b. in Ostrander, Ohio, 28 Oct. 1867, daughter of Leroy Decker, b. in Delaware. Ohio, and Lucretia (Winget) Decker b. in Ostrander, Ohio.

INFANT BEACH,⁹ born 20 Oct. 1848; died 17 Jan. 1849.

MAROVA F. BEACH,⁹ born 10 Dec. 1849; died 7 Oct. 1879.

AMARET BEACH,⁹ born 20 Jan. 1851; died 16 June 1861.

JAMES DELMORE BEACH,⁹ born 25 Sept. 1854; died 6 Dec. 1874.

380. EMMA CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Vermont, 23 January 1815; died near Woodstock, Champaign County, Ohio, 18 September 1881. She was taken by her parents about 1818, to Ohio where they settled on a farm near what is now Plain City. She was married, 27 September 1834, to John Putnam Patrick, born in Virginia, 28 December 1812; died near New Dover, Union County, Ohio, 26 October 1867, son of Levi and Clarissa Patrick.

Children of John Putnam and Emma (Converse) Patrick:

MARY JANE PATRICK,⁹ born 30 Dec. 1839; died 3 Feb. 1895; married, 13 Jan. 1859, Obed Legge. They had one son:

CLARENCE EMMET LEGGE,¹⁰ b. 8 July 1871; d. 16 Sept. 1899; married 10 Sept. 1895, Annie Ross.

DELLA PATRICK,⁹ born 10 July 1841; married, 25 Oct. 1883, John Carter, who died 18 Jan. 1892.

ANN SOPHIA PATRICK,⁹ born 6 Nov. 1844; married, 16 Jan. 1868, Anson Baughman, who served his country from 1861 to 1865. They have two children:

MARY EMMA BAUGHMAN,¹⁰ b. 9 Dec. 1868.

JOHN VAN BAUGHMAN,¹⁰ b. 2 Sept. 1870.

ELIZA MARCELLA PATRICK,⁹ born 25 Jan. 1846; married, 29 March 1866, James Henry Baughman who served throughout the Civil War. Their children are:

MATTIE EMMA BAUGHMAN,¹⁰ b. 24 April 1867; m. 15 Nov. 1883, William Darrow. Children:

LEROY DARROW,¹¹ b. 8 Feb. 1884; d. 9 Aug. 1885.

DELLA MELVINA DARROW,¹¹ b. 1 Sept. 1888.

BENJAMIN HARRISON DARROW,¹¹ b. 13 July 1890.

MARY ANN BAUGHMAN,¹⁰ b. 11 Oct. 1869; m. Frederick Stanley. Their children are:

DELLA STANLEY,¹¹ b. 11 Jan. 1895.

EDITH STANLEY,¹¹ b. 13 March 1897.

YOUNG EMANUEL BAUGHMAN,¹⁰ b. 26 April 1873; m., 28 Sept. 1898, Clara Chit-ister. They have one daughter:

GLADDIS BAUGHMAN,¹¹ b. 24 July 1899.

JOHN WILLIAM PATRICK,⁹ died at the age of six months.

EMMA¹⁰ OLIVE PATRICK,⁹ died at the age of three weeks.

ORSON YOUNG PATRICK,⁹ born 16 Jan. 1851; died 1 June 1878; m., 16 Feb. 1871, Susan Freshwater. Their children are:

JOHN WILLIAM PATRICK,¹⁰ b. 4 July 1872; m., 31 Aug. 1898, Daisy Scholl.

FRANK HOR PATRICK,¹⁰ b. 3 Dec. 1873.

HENRY CLAY PATRICK,¹⁰ b. 25 Dec. 1874.

ELLWOOD ERWOOD PATRICK¹⁰ (twin), b. 1 Jan. 1878.

ERWOOD ELLWOOD PATRICK¹⁰ (twin), b. 1 Jan. 1878; died in infancy.

ARPE EMELINE PATRICK,⁹ born Aug. 1853; died Sept. 1854.

CLARISSA ESTELLE PATRICK,⁹ born 13 Oct. 1858; died 15 Dec. 1860.

381. PARLEY CONVERSE⁸ JR. (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Madison County, Ohio, 27 April 1823; died in Lincoln, Nebraska, 23 July 1899. He married, first, 17 March 1844, Eliza M. Griffin, born 21 July 1829; died 26 June 1845, daughter of Nathaniel Griffin, born in Pennsylvania, and Mary Griffin, born in Virginia. He married, second, 1 July 1846, Hannah Phillips, born near Fairfax, Vt., 17 February 1825; died in Lincoln, Neb., 19 April 1898; daughter of Seth Phillips, born in Londonderry, N. H., and Nancy (Blake) Phillips, born near St. Albans, Vt.

Children of Parley and Hannah (Phillips) Converse:

MARCELLA J. CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 July 1847; married 8 Oct. 1868, John Williams. Children:

HARRISON E. WILLIAMS,¹⁰ b. 28 Sept. 1869.

MARGARET E. WILLIAMS,¹⁰ b. 31 May 1872.

FRANK K. WILLIAMS,¹⁰ b. 28 Dec. 1873.

FLORENCE I. CONVERSE,⁹ born 27 Oct. 1853; married in Lincoln, Neb., 26 Oct. 1873, Neria Belmont Kendall, civil engineer, born in Hampden, Maine, 1 Nov. 1843, son of Daniel Kendall, born in Hampden, Maine, and Roxena (Farnham) Kendall, born in Newburg, Maine.

FOREST PEARL CONVERSE,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio, 26 Oct. 1854; died in Lincoln, Neb. 29 Nov. 1894; married 2 April 1885, at Cortland, Neb., Fannie E. Shipp, born in Wyandot, Ill., 6 March 1862, daughter of Richard and Elvira (Burling) Shipp, who were born in England. Children:

PEARL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 18 March 1886; d. in Lincoln, Neb., 14 June 1893.

LYNN E. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. near Halam, Neb., 24 May 1892.

382. SQUIRE CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 31 January 1826; died in Plain City, Ohio, 17 June 1864; married, 11 August 1847, Mercy Phillips, born 22 April 1827; died in Fremont, Neb., 1886; daughter of Seth and Nancy (Blake) Phillips, and sister of the wife of Parley Converse, brother of Squire Converse.

Children of Squire and Mercy (Phillips) Converse:

JOHN SETH CONVERSE,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio; for some years a train despatcher; resides in Columbus, Ohio. Children:

MURIEL CONVERSE,¹⁰

DON CONVERSE,¹⁰

WILBUR CONVERSE,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio; died in New Orleans, about 1883; buried at Cleveland, Ohio. One son:

WILBUR CONVERSE,¹⁰ living in Chicago.

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ married — Jones; resides in state of Washington.

LELL CONVERSE,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio, 1 March 1856; married — Smith; resides in state of Washington.

383. GEORGE CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 29 June 1830; died in Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, 7 April 1894; married, 8 October 1851, Elizabeth Allen.

Children of George and Elizabeth (Allen) Converse:

GLENNIE CONVERSE,⁹ died young.

REYNOLD CONVERSE,⁹ born 4 Dec. 1853; married, 1872, Matilda Temple. Their children are:

LATHA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 13 Aug. 1872.

HARRY C. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. —; d. —.

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MARK C. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 18 Oct. 1876; d. 21 April 1889.

CLARA MAUD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 13 Feb. 1894.

FRANK CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 Aug. 1857; killed by the cars, in Colorado, 22 Jan. 1889; married, 1884, Flora Elinnia Atkinson, born 26 Nov. 1857, daughter of John and Nancy (Phillips) Atkinson.

PARLEY B. CONVERSE,⁹ born 24 Feb. 1859; died 28 Feb. 1895; married in Plain City, Ohio, 14 Feb. 1881, Estelle Lombard, daughter of Harrison and Jane Lombard. They have two sons:

HARRY CONVERSE,¹⁰ served in the Spanish American War.

EVERET CONVERSE.¹⁰

ALLIE BELL CONVERSE,⁹ born Feb. 1861; married, Oct. 1883, Robert George Moling; resides in Norfolk, Va. Children:

GRACE MOLING.¹⁰

VERNON MOLING.¹⁰

CHARLES ALLEN CONVERSE,⁹ born Feb. 1863.

MATT L. CONVERSE,⁹ born Nov. 1867.

JENNIE WARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 3 July 1872; died 1873.

RICHARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 Aug. 1875.

CLEVELAND C. CONVERSE,⁹ born 14 June 1880.

384. MELISSA SUSANNAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*⁶, *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Madison County, Ohio, 27 December 1832; married, in Madison County, Ohio, 7 February 1850, John Charles Phillips, blacksmith, born, 26 August 1823, in Franklin County, Vt., son of Seth Phillips, born in Londonderry, N. H., and Nancy (Blake) Phillips, born in Vermont. John Charles Phillips and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Children:

ANNETTA PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Milford Center, Union Co., Ohio, 6 Feb. 1851; married in Cisne, Wayne Co., Ill., 3 Nov. 1872, Thomas Jefferson Simpson, born 4 Sept. 1841, son of Daniel Simpson, born in Virginia, and Nancy (Gray) Simpson born in South Carolina. He is a farmer, and is a member of Modern Woodman Lodge. Children:

ADDIE SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 13 Aug. 1873; m. 3 June 1894, at Kane, Green Co., Ill., Thomas Porter Clark, b. in Macoupin Co., Ill., 20 March 1875, son of James Porter Clark b. in Lee Co., Ia., and Sarah Ellen (Close) Clark b. in Jersey Co., Ill. Children, all born at Kane, Ill.:

CHARLES WILBER CLARK,¹¹ b. 1 March 1895.

WALTER SCHUYLER CLARK,¹¹ b. 23 July 1896.

EDWIN PORTER CLARK,¹¹ b. 12 May 1898.

SARAH ANNETTA CLARK,¹¹ b. 11 Sept. 1899.

FREDDIE SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 1 Sept. 1876.

DUDLEY DANIEL SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 28 Dec. 1878.

LEONA SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. 11 Nov. 1880; d. in Kane, Ill., 16 Nov. 1880.

CHARLES GROVER SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Kane, Ill., 22 Feb. 1882.

VITURA MAY SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Kane, Ill., 31 July 1883.

MARY TRIKIE SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Kane, Ill., 17 Feb. 188—.

NELLIE BLANCHE SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Kane, Ill., 4 April 1889.

EDNA PROCTOR SIMPSON,¹⁰ b. in Kane, Ill., 9 Nov. 1892.

ORA PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Milford Center, Union Co., Ohio, 28 Aug. 1852; died in Cisne, Wayne Co., Ill., 10 March 1898. She was a school teacher; a member of the M. E. Church; a member of the Rebecca Lodge. She married at Cisne, Wayne Co., Ill., 21 July 1872, Isaac Lewis Dobbs, born 5 June 1840; died in Cisne, Ill., 8 March 1896, son of William and Mary Dobbs. He served throughout the Civil War in Company I, 48th Regt., Illinois Volunteers; was wounded at Dallas, Ga., losing his left arm five inches below the elbow. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge. He became a practising physician at Cisne, where he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One daughter:

LOUELLA MAY DOBBS,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 25 Feb. 1877.

MARY EVA PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Milford Center, Union Co., Ohio, 2 Dec. 1855; married in Cisne, Ill., 29 March 1877, John Gersevin Ulrich, born in Remagen, on the Rhine, Germany, 15 March 1847, son of Hubert and Sibylla Ulrich. He was in the Franco-Prussian War, and served in the second "King's Guard;" he was in battles at Gravelotte, 18 Aug. and Sedan 1st and 2d Sept. 1870. He was also present at the siege of Paris. He came to America in April 1873. Children:

FLORA SIBYL ULRICH,¹⁰ b. in Flora, Clay Co., Ill., 19 Jan. 1878.

CARL LEO ULRICH,¹⁰ b. in Flora, Ill., 16 June 1881.

FLORENCE ADDIE PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Milford Center, Ohio, 7 May 1859; died 2 March 1863.

CHARLES WALTER PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Milford Center, Ohio, 21 March 1864; blacksmith; married in Cisne, Ohio, 22 March 1885, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, born in Antioch, Monroe Co., Ohio, 24 Dec. 1861, daughter of Ezra Mitchell and Mary Ellen Phillips, both of whom were born in Monroe County, Ohio. Charles W. Phillips removed with his family to Denver, Col., in April 1891, but returned in June of the following year, to Cisne, where they now reside. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church in which he has held the office of deacon for eight years. Children:

GLADYS CLARE PHILLIPS,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 2 Feb. 1886.

NEIL ADRIAN PHILLIPS,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 7 Oct. 1887.

EVERETT ELMO PHILLIPS,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 1 Dec. 1889.

CHARLES EZRA CECIL PHILLIPS,¹⁰ b. in Golden, Arapahoe Co., Col., 28 Jan. 1892.

MARY WINIFRED PHILLIPS,¹⁰ b. in Cisne, Ill., 15 April 1897.

DOROTHY DELL PHILLIPS,¹⁰ twin, b. in Cisne, Ill., 27 Feb. 1900; d. 4 Nov. 1900.

DONALD VERNE PHILLIPS,¹⁰ twin, b. 27 Feb. 1900.

MATTIE MAY PHILLIPS,⁹ born in Cisne, Ill., 20 Aug. 1869; married in Denver, Col., 2 July 1891, Charles Edward Myers, born in Columbia City, Whitby Co., Ind., 16 June 1863, son of Levi Myers, born in Pennsylvania, and Christina Myers, born in Virginia. Children:

LOTTIE MYERS,¹⁰ b. in Denver, Col., 18 Nov. 1892.

DOROTHY MYERS,¹⁰ b. in Columbia City, Ind., 10 Dec. 1894.

HUGH LEE MYERS,¹⁰ b. in Columbia City, Ind., 7 May 1898.

LAURA LOW PHILLIPS,⁹ born 2 June 1874; died in Cisne, Ill., 21 Oct. 1874.

385. HANNAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Parley*⁷ (226), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Plain City, Ohio, 15 September 1836; died there 3 September 1895. She was, for many years, a member of the Universalist Church; she was a member of Rebecca Lodge in which she served as Noble Grand. For several terms she was commissioned as special State Deputy of the Lodge. She married, in Plain City, 12 January 1853, Walter S. Thompson; blacksmith, born 15 September 1826, near Columbus, Ohio; died in Plain City, Ohio, 12 January 1883. Leaving home at the age of ten years, he found a home and employment for two or three years with Jonah Marshall, and afterwards with Timothy and Hannah Bigelow. After his marriage, he moved to Homer, Union County, Ohio, where he was in the employ of Charles Phillips until 1859, when the family removed to Plain City. From 1869 to 1873, they resided in Richmond, Ind., but returned at the end of that time to Plain City. Mr. Thompson was an Odd Fellow in Pleasant Valley (now Plain City) Lodge for many years, and was a Past Grand officer. He was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge.

Children of Walter S. and Hannah (Converse) Thompson:

MAE THOMPSON,⁹ born in Homer, Union Co., Ohio, 4 May 1858; married at London, Ohio, 29 May 1884, Oscar Fryar, born in Richmond, Ind., 5 April 1857, son of Samuel and Cynthia Fryar.

At the institution of Rathbone Sisters at Richmond, Ind., Jan. 1889, Mrs. Fryar was elected Most Excellent Chief, and, in June following, was elected Past Grand Chief of the State of Indiana, which office she held for a year. In Oct. 1889, she was elected Past Supreme Chief of the World, which office she holds for life. In 1894, at Washington, D. C., she was elected Supreme Mistress of Finance, a salaried office, which she held for two years. She is Prophetess in Daughters of Pocahontas, and was elected to attend the Grand Council of Indiana in 1895.

Oscar Fryar is a member of the Knights of Pythias Uniformed Rank, and is also a member of Improved Order of Red Men. He is a Past officer in both orders. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fryar settled in Richmond, Ind., but in 1895 returned to Plain City. They have one son:

CARL W. FRYAR,¹⁰ b. in Richmond, Ind., 15 May 1886.

CARL THOMPSON,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio, 9 July 1860; died in Plain City, 11 Sept. 1896.

LIDA THOMPSON,⁹ born in Plain City, Ohio, 24 Aug. 1862; married, 1st, near West Jefferson, Madison Co., Ohio, 2 Mar. 1882, James Francis, farmer, born in Brown Township, Franklin Co., Ohio, March 1862; died there 4 April 1886, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hunter) Francis. She married, 2nd, at Richmond, Ind., 16 Dec. 1890, Andrew Roser, of Richmond, Ind., born there 1868, son of Jacob and Fredrickya (Ryner) Roser, both born in Germany.

386. JASPER RAND CONVERSE⁸ (*Squire*⁷ (227), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt.,

15 December 1810; died near Plain City, Ohio, 13 September 1859. He owned a large farm on "Darby Plains," and was a dealer in stock, but made a specialty of raising thoroughbred sheep. He was married, 10 August 1832, to Betsey Ann Hemenway, who was born 23 January 1814, at Bridport, Vt., and who died 3 April 1871, at their home near Plain City, Ohio. She was a daughter of Farmery and Mehitable (Rand) Knowlton Hemenway.

Children of Jasper Rand and Betsey Ann (Hemenway) Converse:

ANNA A. CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 22 April 1833; died in Columbus, Ohio, 10 Dec. 1882; married in Madison County, Ohio, 30 March 1853, to Marion Alexander Winget, who was born in Philadelphia, Mo., 3 July 1833, son of David and — (Reed) Winget. Mr. Winget was for many years a farmer and stock raiser. He now (1903) resides in Columbus, Ohio. Children:

JASPER STANLEY WINGET,¹⁰ b. on farm in Union Co., Ohio, 20 Jan. 1856; resides (1902) in York, Pa., where he is proprietor of The Winget Machine Co. He married in Columbus, Ohio, 26 Dec. 1879, Jessie Scoville, who was born in Delaware, Ohio, 11 Jan. 1861, daughter of Myron H. and Louisa (Vincent) Scoville. Of Jasper Stanley and Jessie (Scoville) Winget's five children, the first four were born in Columbus, Ohio:

ANNA LOUISE WINGET,¹¹ b. 10 Aug. 1884.

AUGUSTINE CONVERSE WINGET,¹¹ b. 3 Aug. 1886.

BERTHA MAE WINGET,¹¹ b. 1 Nov. 1895.

JASPER STANLEY WINGET,¹¹ JR., b. 9 April 1899; d. 23 May 1902.

MYRON HOLLEY WINGET,¹¹ b. in York, Pa., 18 Jan. 1901.

FLORA O. WINGET,¹⁰ b. 26 Jan. 1858; d. 25 March 1865.

FARMERY REED WINGET,¹⁰ b. in Madison Co., Ohio, 8 Aug. 1860; d. in Columbus, Ohio, 7 March 1897; married by Rev. P. S. Manger in Canal Winchester, Ohio, 25 Dec. 1879, to Emma L. Tallman, who was born 14 July 1859, daughter of Nathaniel Tallman of Canal Winchester. Children:

EARL TALLMAN WINGET,¹¹ b. in Columbus, Ohio, 5 April 1885.

ANNETTE CATHERINE WINGET,¹¹ b. 6 July 1894; d. 26 July 1894

A SON,¹⁰ b. and d. in 1871.

ELIZABETH A. WINGET,¹⁰ b. 22 Jan. 1875; d. 17 Aug. 1875.

AUGUSTINE CONVERSE,⁹ born 26 July 1835; died 23 April 1888; married Lucy Annette Sager. (462)

VIENNA CONVERSE,⁹ born 7 April 1838; died 30 March 1840.

BUSHROD W. CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 Feb. 1841; died 26 June 1848.

FARMERY CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 April 1844; died 30 June 1848.

CAROLINE C. CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 Oct. 1846; died 14 July 1848.

ASA CONVERSE,⁹ born 20 Sept. 1849; died 5 Nov. 1849.

LEROY CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 Oct. 1851; died 23 Sept. 1852.

FLORA CONVERSE,⁹ born 3 Sept. 1853; died 24 July 1854.

387. ASA CONVERSE⁸ (*Squire*⁷ (227), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 9 February

1814; died in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 30 April 1898. His remains were buried in Forest Grove Cemetery near Plain City, Madison County, Ohio.

When he was aged six months, his parents moved in wagons to Ohio, and settled on the "Darby Plains." At the death of his parents, which occurred when he was quite young, he went to live with Samuel Sherwood, a tanner, who lived near Plain City, Ohio. He worked three years for Mr. Sherwood, and learned the business; soon after, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Dr. Beach at Amity, Ohio.

After his marriage he moved to Union County, Ohio, cleared a tract of land, farmed for a while, then added a tannery which he conducted until 1853, when he moved to Pleasant Valley, now Plain City, Ohio. Here, on an extended scale, he engaged in the manufacture of boots, shoes, and harness. In 1860, he sold out, to engage in other mercantile pursuits, in which he continued for nearly twenty-five years.

In 1888, the year following the death of his wife, Mr. Converse went to make his home with his daughter, Candace A. Morelock, at Marysville, Ohio, where he resided until his death. He was, for many years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a true Christian, honored, respected and loved by all who knew him.

He married, 5 November 1835, Thankful McCloud, who was born 19 September 1814, on "Darby Plains," near Plain City, Madison County, Ohio, and died 24 March 1887 in Plain City, Ohio. Interment was made in Forest Grove Cemetery near Plain City, Ohio. She was of Puritan stock, and had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood. She was a daughter of Charles McCloud born in Peterborough, N. H., and Sallie (Taylor) McCloud, born in Charlton, Mass.

Children of Asa and Thankful (McCloud) Converse:

MASCHAL CONVERSE,* born in Union Co., Ohio, near Plain City, 14 Sept. 1836; died 13 Dec. 1837.

CANDACE ANN CONVERSE,* born in Union Co., Ohio, near Plain City, 28 March 1839; married Josiah Jacob Morelock. (463)

ALBERT NEWTON CONVERSE,* born in Union Co., Ohio, near Plain City, 5 July 1841; married Mary Elizabeth Snodgrass. (464)

LUCY JANE CONVERSE,* born in Union Co., near Plain City, 2 April 1845; married in Plain City, 25 Dec. 1870, Dr. James Harvy Carpenter, who was born in Delaware Co. Ohio, 27 Nov. 1831. In addition to the common schools of his native county he attended Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, after which he took a course in Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio. He then attended the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1865. He commenced practice in his native county, where he remained three years, then spent two years in

Marion County, and, in 1869, came to Plain City, Ohio, where he practised until 1887, when he removed with his family to Ulysses, Neb. He has now retired.

ELIAS CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 April 1848; died 31 Oct. 1852; buried near Plain City, Ohio.

CHARLES ASA CONVERSE,⁹ born 30 April 1851; died 11 Feb. 1855; buried near Plain City, Ohio.

388. DOCTOR JEREMIAH CONVERSE⁸ (*Jeremiah,⁷ Jr. (229), Rev. Jeremiah,⁶ Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Darby Township, Madison County, Ohio, 11 June 1822; died near the place of his birth, 2 November 1895.

His boyhood was spent upon a farm. By close application and self-denial, he obtained a common-school education, and, about the year 1844, he turned his attention to medicine, and four years later, graduated from the Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.

After his graduation, he began a successful career of professional practice, but the loss of natural rest and the taxing duties incident to such occupation began to make inroads upon his health, and in later life induced him to adopt the profession of a civil engineer, which he followed until within a few years of his death.

He was married in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, 28 March 1844, by T. M. Ewing, J. P., to Hortense Sarah Hemenway, who was born in Bridport, Vt., 15 April 1824, died at her home near Plain City, Ohio, 19 September 1890, and was daughter of Farmery and Mehitable (Rand) (Knowlton) Hemenway.

Children:

HORTENSE CAROLINE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Rosedale, Madison Co., Ohio, 15 July 1845; died near Plain City, 2 June 1850.

MASCHIL DELORIMER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Rosedale, Madison Co., Ohio, 18 Aug. 1848.

In 1865, he entered the public schools at London, Ohio, and two years later became interested in mercantile pursuits in New York City, where he has since resided. He married, 25 Sept. 1879, at her home in Washington, Pa., Mary Hornish, who was born 24 Oct. 1855, and was daughter of William Hornish. One son:

WILLIAM HORNISH CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 16 May 1881.

HOWARD JEREMIAH CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 2 Sept. 1851; married Rose Faulkner. (465)

ELDEN GAY CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 20 July 1854; died 1 Oct. 1901; married Sarah Eva Worthington. (466)

AVIS INEZ CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, 28 Jan. 1858; married Charles F. Crawson. (467)

CARRIE HORTENSE CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, 6 July 1860; educated in the common schools; married at her parents' home by Rev. J. M. Rife, 7 Nov. 1882, to Price M. Walker, who was born in Brown Township, Franklin Co., Ohio, 17 Feb. 1858, youngest son of Daniel and Isabel (Slyh) Walker. His father was born in Vermont, and his mother in Canaan Township, Madison Co., Ohio. With the exception of

three years' residence (1901-1903) in Plain City, Ohio, they have always lived upon a part of his father's farm, which he now (1903) owns. Child:

LELIA MAY WALKER,¹⁰ b. 23 April 1885; was graduated from the Plain City High School in May 1903.

389. LEMUEL DERBY CONVERSE⁸ (*Jeremiah*,⁷ Jr. (229), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 31 January 1826, near Plain City, in Darby Township, Madison Co., Ohio. He attended the district schools, and, at the age of twenty, began teaching, which occupation he followed for several years. On 6 June 1845, he was elected Lieutenant of the First Squadron, First Brigade, Thirteenth Division, Ohio State Militia. He has served as School Director for several terms, and also as Township Trustee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he adheres to the principles advocated by the Peoples Party.

He now resides upon his farm of one hundred acres near Plain City, Ohio.

Mr. Converse was married, 12 March 1851, in Pleasant Valley (now Plain City), Ohio, by John H. Norton, J. P., to Laura Ann Thomas, who was born 22 June 1833, at Mt. Tabor, in Champaign County, Ohio, daughter of Abel Harris and Rebecca (Hatcher) Thomas. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Children of Lemuel Derby and Laura Ann (Thomas) Converse:

MARCIA LAURA CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 24 Jan. 1852; died in Ashley, Morrow Co., Ohio, 30 Jan. 1894; married by John P. Bowers, J. P., near Plain City, 12 March 1873, to Francis Cessions McCloud, son of John and Laura (Tinkham) McCloud. Children:

PAUL BERNIE McCLOUD,¹⁰ b. near Plain City, 24 Jan. 1874; resides in Columbus, Ohio; married by Rev. T. S. Buckingham, in Columbus, Ohio, 27 May 1894, to Lulu Myrtle Steadman, b. 12 Jan. 1875, daughter of Enoch and Ellen Steadman of Ross Co., Ohio. Children:

LEONA GRETCHEL McCLOUD,¹¹ b. 13 March 1895.

CECIL JENNINGS McCLOUD,¹¹ b. 19 Sept. 1896; d. 16 Nov. 1896.

INFANT,¹¹ b. 3 Nov. 1897; d. 17 Nov. 1897.

VIOLA MAY McCLOUD,¹¹ b. 9 Jan. 1899.

EFFIE LAURA McCLOUD,¹⁰ b. near Plain City, Ohio, 16 April 1877.

JEREMIAH LEMUEL HARRIS CONVERSE,⁹ born 21 April 1854; died 14 Feb. 1855.

CARRIE CLEORA CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 4 May 1856; was married, 24 Oct. 1883, in Plain City, Ohio, by Rev. J. M. Rife, to Carl Henry Rouse, who was born 2 Feb. 1860, in London, Ohio, and is son of Henry M. and Mary (Dunn) Rouse, and resides in Columbus, Ohio. Their children are:

RAY RUBY ROUSE,¹⁰ b. 30 July 1884; d. 2 Oct. 1884.

LEMUEL HENRY ROUSE,¹⁰ b. 1 Aug. 1886.

LORA MARY ROUSE,¹⁰ b. 24 Oct. 1892.

GLADYS ROUSE,¹⁰ b. 17 July 1896.

PEARL DERBY CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 21 Feb. 1868; traveling salesman for Garr Scott Machine Co., Richmond, Ind. He was married, 1st, 11 April 1888, in Hilliards, Ohio, by Theo. Thackery, J. P., to Della May Latham, who died 13 June 1896, in Hilliards, Ohio. She was daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Whitney) Latham. He was married, 2nd, 28 Sept. 1898, in Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. Samuel S. King to Hattie Alnetae Harmon, who was born 25 Jan. 1874, in Columbus, Ohio. She was daughter of Wm. A. and Eva C. Harmon. Children of Pearl Derby and Della May (Latham) Converse:

LENNY L. CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 19 Aug. 1890.

CECIL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 6 Feb. 1894.

Child of Pearl Derby and Hattie Alnetae (Harmon) Converse:

MAY EVALYNE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 July 1899; d. 23 Aug. 1900.

RUBY NATHANIEL CONVERSE,⁹ born near Plain City, Ohio, 26 Dec. 1873, where his occupation is farming and stock-raising. He was married, 6 April 1892, in London, Ohio, by Rev. Mr. Slutz to Grace E. Smith, who was born 23 March 1872 in West Hayden, Ohio, daughter of James A. and Sophia Smith. Children:

EFFIE LENORA CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 9 Nov. 1892.

HERALD CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 2 Nov. 1898.

390. ELIAS CONVERSE⁸ (*Silas*⁷ (230), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Madison County, Ohio, 22 April 1829. He had the benefit of a good common-school education; commenced teaching at the age of nineteen, and taught about five full years.

He held the offices of Justice of the Peace, Trustee, and School Director for twenty-one years. He was a faithful worker in the M. E. Sunday School for forty-five years. He studied law for a time under the Hon. George L. Converse of Columbus, Ohio. He is now (1902) a retired farmer.

In politics he is a Republican. He has been a Free Mason for forty-one years, and an Odd Fellow for fifteen years.

He was married, first, 1 April 1851, to Margaret Clemons at the home of the bride, near Plain City, Ohio, by Edmond Smith, J. P. She died 26 January 1860, and he was married, second, by Lewis Fairbanks, J. P., at the home of the bride, 27 September 1860, to Julia S. Janes.

Children of Elias and Margaret (Clemons) Converse:

WEBSTER EMORY CONVERSE,⁹ born 16 Dec. 1851; died 8 Oct. 1852.

AMY H. CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 Aug. 1854; married by Mr. Pennock, J. P., in Mt. Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, 3 Sept. 1873, to Thomas F. McCall. Children:

CLYDE McCALL,¹⁰ b. 11 Aug. 1875; m. by Dudley Thornton, J. P., in Byhalia, Union Co., Ohio, 18 Sept. 1896, to Lula Martin. One son:

RALPH McCALL,¹¹ b. 7 Oct. 1898.

CARL McCALL,¹⁰ b. 27 June 1880.

Children of Elias and Julia S. (Janes) Converse:

ESTELLE U. CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Jan. 1863; married by Rev. W. Dunlap, in Mt. Victory, Hardin Co., Ohio, 6 Jan. 1879, to Wm. L. Bird. Children:

BLANCHE BIRD,¹⁰ b. 4 July 1881; m. in Claridon, Marion Co., Ohio, by Rev. Mr. Miles, 14 Sept. 1900, to Oliver Williams.

LESLIE BIRD,¹⁰ b. 22 Nov. 1883.

ETTA E. CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 May 1866.

ERNEST ELIAS CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 Dec. 1868; married at the parsonage in Marion, Ohio, by Rev. W. Hall, 30 July 1890, to Etta Mustaine, who died 18 June 1900. One son:

CAROL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 July 1891.

NELLIE G. CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 July 1872; married at the home of the bride, by Rev. Alonzo Ballinger, 27 June 1894, to Prof. Milo R. Ballinger. Children:

MARY HELEN BALLINGER,¹⁰ b. 6 Nov. 1898.

PAUL BALLINGER¹⁰ (twin), b. 30 Dec. 1900.

EARL BALLINGER¹⁰ (twin), b. 30 Dec. 1900.

MABEL L. CONVERSE,⁹ born 3 March 1875; married at the parsonage in Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. J. C. Jackson, 26 Nov. 1896, to Arthur B. Oldham, who died 13 Sept. 1897. One son:

ARTHUR W. OLDHAM.¹⁰

RUDY H. CONVERSE,⁹ born 22 Jan. 1878; died 19 Oct. 1882.

391. SANFORD CONVERSE⁸ (*Silas*⁷ (230), *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 11 August 1841; died 18 June 1884; married Sarah J. Sherwood, 17 October 1860. She was born 13 August 1843, daughter of Andrew H. and Irene (Beach) Sherwood.

He resided on the home farm until 1881, when he removed to Plain City, Ohio, where he resided until his death.

Children of Sanford and Sarah J. (Sherwood) Converse:

SILAS DELMORE CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 Aug. 1862; married in Plain City, Ohio, 25 Dec. 1883, by H. M. Rouse, J. P., to Mattie J. Freese, who was born 14 Feb. 1865, near Plain City, only daughter of Manley A. and Samantha A. Freese. One child:

LEROY CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 21 Feb. 1887.

GEORGE A. CONVERSE,⁹ born 6 Feb. 1868; married in Plain City, Ohio, 26 Feb. 1887, by the Rev. John Hunt, to Dessie B. Sealer, born 5 Sept. 1868, second daughter of Alanson L. and Lovisa (Hager) Sealer. Child:

EVA ERNESTINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Richwood, Ohio, 19 Dec. 1888.

392. HAMBLIN D. CONVERSE⁸ (*Erastus*⁷ (231), *Hamblin*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 19 November 1832. In 1852, he went to California and was for many years engaged in mining operations throughout all states on the Pacific coast. In 1885, with his son Frank, he joined a prospecting party which endeavored to penetrate to

the interior of Arizona. None of the party have ever been heard from; it is supposed that they were attacked, and slain by Indians. He married in 1876, in the Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City, Agnes McCrea, daughter of a Presbyterian minister in Ohio. She died in 1882.

Children:

FRANK CONVERSE,⁹ born in Salt Lake City, 1878; died 1885. (?)

MATTIE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Salt Lake City, 1882. The mother died a few days after the birth of the younger child, having given her babe into the care of a friend, the wife of Rev. Mr. Hunter, a Presbyterian minister of Salt Lake City. Nothing further is known concerning this daughter.

393. MARTHA ANN CONVERSE⁸ (*Erastus*⁷ (231), *Hamblin*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 28 July 1834; was graduated from Troy Conference Academy, West Poughkeepsie, Vt., 14 July 1854, with the highest honors of her class. She married, in Bridport, 20 August 1854, John Edward Gleffer, formerly professor of music in the Troy Conference Academy. He was born in Stuttgart, Germany, 10 September 1831, son of Eberhart Ludwig and Maria Barbara (Bauman) Gleffer, of Stuttgart. The first ten years of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Gleffer were spent in Alabama, where Professor Gleffer had charge of the musical conservatory at Centenary Institute in Summerfield. In August, 1862, he was conscripted into the Confederate Army, and saw active service until the close of the Civil War, as Chief Bugler of the 39th Mississippi and 22nd Alabama Brigade. He was discharged 1 May 1865. Immediately after the war, the family came North, and resided in Yonkers, N. Y., 1864-67, Lancaster, Pa., 1867-1877, and in Pittsburgh, Pa., 1877-1881. Professor Gleffer followed his vocation as a teacher and composer until his death, in Allegheny City, Pa., 24 July 1882.

Children of John Edward and Martha Ann (Converse) Gleffer:

LOUIS EDWARD GLEFFER,⁹ born in Macon, Miss., 14 June 1855; died, in Allegheny City, 12 March 1896. He was a journalist and for many years editor, and proprietor of the Labor Herald in Pittsburgh, Pa. (residing in Allegheny City). He was a stalwart friend of the laboring classes, whose condition he endeavored to improve through the columns of his paper. He married in Lancaster, Pa., 3 Aug. 1876, Anna Huber, born in Lancaster, Pa., 20 Feb. 1858, daughter of Harry and Catherine (Getz) Huber. Children of Louis Edward and Anna (Huber) Gleffer.

EDWARD GLEFFER,¹⁰ b. in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 1878; died there Nov. 1878.

IDA PAULINE GLEFFER,¹⁰ b. in Allegheny City, Pa., Aug. 1882.

ANNA CONVERSE GLEFFER,¹⁰ b. in Allegheny City, Pa., March 1885.

IDA PAULINE GLEFFER,⁹ born in Summerfield, Ala., 27 Sept. 1857; married, in Allegheny City, 10 Sept. 1884, by Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Prugh, to Rev. Zachary Barton Taylor, who was born in Clinton, Pa., 25 Dec. 1852, son of Zachary and Deborah (Barton)

Taylor. Rev. Mr. Taylor took his collegiate course at Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., with the class of 1880, and studied theology at Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, in the class of 1883. The family reside in Harrisville, Pa. Children:

ELLA MARY TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Reynoldsville, Pa., 22 July 1885.

MAUD CONVERSE TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Pittsburgh, Pa., 3 Dec. 1886.

STEPHEN HUNTER TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Scottdale, Pa., 13 April 1888.

MARTHA CHOIRA TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Scottdale, Pa., 23 March 1890.

IDA PAULINE TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Independence, Pa., 14 March 1894.

LOUIS EDWARD TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in Harrisville, Pa., 1 June 1898.

HARRY WILSON CONVERSE GLEFFER,⁹ born in Lancaster, Pa., 11 Dec. 1869; married in Pittsburgh, Pa., 6 Oct. 1897, Katherine Eichholtz Hubley, who was born 13 Nov. 1871. Her father was Jacob Beltzhoover Hubley, born in Pittsburgh, 29 July 1824, died, in Pittsburgh, 24 Aug. 1891. Her mother was Rebecca T. E. Hubley, born in Lancaster, Pa., 15 July 1828, died in Pittsburgh, 7 Nov. 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson (Converse) Gleffer reside in Pittsburgh, where he is Assistant Secretary of the Union Trust Company.

394. HENRY WILSON CONVERSE⁸ (*Erastus*⁷ (231), *Hamblin*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Addison Co., Vt., 16 November 1836; lived on the parental farm until 1858. During that time he attended school at Fort Edward, N. Y., and at West Poughkeepsie, Vt. In 1858 he went to California, Mo. In 1859, during the Pike's Peak excitement, he left Missouri for the City of Denver, and prospected in Colorado and Wyoming until 1862. In 1862 he returned to Leavenworth, Kan., and engaged in freighting from that point to Denver. He was engaged in mercantile business from 1864 till 1868, and in saw-milling from 1868 till 1872. In the latter year he removed to Howard, Kan., where he continued milling, and where he was also engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1881 he returned to Colorado, and resumed prospecting and mining until 1888, when he returned to Howard, Kansas. In 1889, he removed to Pueblo, Col., where he has since resided, and where he is interested in railroad business. He was married in St. Joseph, Mo., 11 February 1864, by Rev. Henry H. Hedgpeth, of the M. E. Church, to Jennie Adams, who was born in Erie, Pa., 9 November 1836, daughter of David and Mary Mathas (Alexander) Adams. David Adams was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1791, and died in Erie, Pa., in 1844. Mary Mathas Alexander was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1788, died in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1862; buried in Erie, Pa. *Children of Henry Wilson and Mary M. (Alexander) Converse:*

NETTIE ROSE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leavenworth, Kan., 24 March 1865; died, in Leavenworth, 12 Feb. 1866.

ETTA IZOLA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leavenworth, Kan., 19 Nov. 1866; married in Howard,

Kan., by Rev. W. Read of U. P. Church, 29 April 1885, to Nelson V. D. Hugg, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. Residence Topeka, Kan. Children:

GEORGE EVERETT HUGG,¹⁰ b. in Howard City, Kan., 28 Feb. 1886.

JENNIE BEATRICE HUGG,¹⁰ b. in Florence, Kan., 4 Nov. 1888.

DAISY EDNA HUGG,¹⁰ b. in Topeka, Kan., 25 Sept. 1897.

MARY ELLA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leavenworth, Kan., 2 Dec. 1867; resides with her parents in Pueblo, Col.

HARRY WILSON CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leavenworth, Kan., 16 Nov. 1869; died in Lawrence, Kan., 26 July 1870.

MARTHA GLEFFER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Howard City, Kan., 11 June 1871; married in Pueblo, Col., 6 Nov. 1889, by Rev. Mr. Pinkerton (Presbyterian), to Henry Dillon. Residence, Topeka, Kansas. Children:

BERTHA DILLON,¹⁰ b. in Fort Worth, Tex., 1890.

FLOSSY DILLON,¹⁰ b. in Texas, 1892.

MABEL DILLON,¹⁰ b. in Pueblo, Col., 12 Sept. 1894.

LOTTIE MAY DILLON¹⁰ (twin), b. in Pueblo, Col., 23 Oct. 1897.

HENRIETTA DILLON¹⁰ (twin), b. in Pueblo, Col., 23 Oct. 1897.

CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born in Howard, Kan., 7 March 1873; married in Pueblo, Col., 17 Jan. 1895, by Rev. James Hervey of the U. P. Church, to Lora Beryle Sare, who was born in Bloomington, Monroe Co., Ind., daughter of Monroe Sare (born in Harrodsburg, Monroe Co., Ind.) and wife, Mary Jane (born in Bloomington, Ind.). Residence, Pueblo, Col. One daughter:

BARBARA ETHEL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. in Pueblo, Col., 7 March 1896.

395. CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE⁸ (*General Marvin Bixby*⁷ (232), *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Throopsville, Cayuga County, N. Y., 13 April 1833; died in Muskegon, Mich., 17 March 1896; married in Fruitport, Mich., 25 May 1880, Annie E. Fitzsimmons, who was born in Oswego, N. Y., 4 November 1862, daughter of Michael and Ann (Smith) Fitzsimmons. Michael Fitzsimmons died in Muskegon, Mich., 2 May 1888, from the effects of an injury which he received at the Battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Annie E. (Fitzsimmons) Converse married, second, 16 February 1899, Erwin B. Moon; she resides in Muskegon, Mich.

Children of Charles Henry and Annie E. (Fitzsimmons) Converse:

LUCY MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born 8 Nov. 1881; attended the Muskegon schools and later the Muskegon Business College, in 1899 and 1900. She was for a short time bookkeeper at the Castenholtz Stock Yards, in Muskegon. She was married, 2 June 1900, to Frank A. Dahlem, fireman on the Pere Marquette R. R. They reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.

CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ JR., born 5 May 1883; attended Muskegon schools.

396. BLINN CONVERSE⁸ (*Caleb Winship Burton*⁷ (233), *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Richville, Vt., 27 September 1836; attended school until fifteen years of age. He was then

employed as fireman and assistant engineer in Port Henry, N. Y., where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil War. He enlisted, in August 1861, in Co. I, 22nd Regiment N. Y. Volunteers as a member of the regimental band, which formed a part of Gen. C. C. Augur's brigade, McDowell's division. In the spring of 1862, the brigade advanced from Arlington Heights, with the Union Army which occupied Fredericksburg, Va.; remaining there until July, when the army broke camp, and advanced to Cedar Mountain, Va. Congress having passed a law allowing but one band in each brigade, Mr. Converse was mustered out, 15 August 1862, at Culpepper, Va. Soon after returning home he obtained employment with the New York and Erie Railroad as fireman, and was assigned to the Newburgh branch, with headquarters at Newburgh. He remained there until September 1864, when he was appointed Acting Third Assistant Engineer, U. S. Navy; he was ordered to Boston, Mass., and reported to Rear Admiral Stringham for duty on board U. S. S. "Little Ada." She was assigned to the North Atlantic squadron, Rear Admiral D.D. Porter commanding, and participated in the capture of Forts Fisher and Caldwell, at the mouth of Cape Fear River, N. C., and in the capture of the city of Wilmington. The vessel was then ordered to Norfolk, Va., for repairs. When they were completed, she was ordered to the mouth of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay for duty. About 1 March 1865 he was detached from the "Little Ada," and was assigned to duty on board U. S. S. "Mystic." About May 1 the Mystic was ordered to the Navy Yard at Washington, D. C., to go out of commission. The resignation of Mr. Converse as Acting Third Assistant Engineer was accepted 17 May 1865, closing his military service. On 15 August 1865, he removed with his family from Vermont to Minnesota, where he was employed as a locomotive engineer, which occupation he followed for eighteen years, the first two years on what is now the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and sixteen years on the "Omaha," or "North Western Line." On 15 October 1885, he was appointed Chief Engineer U. S. Army Building in St. Paul, Minn., where he is yet employed (1901). He has been prominent in the Masonic order. He was made a Master Mason in Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, at Newburgh, N.Y., in the spring of 1863. Early in the seventies, he received the Chapter degrees in Blue Earth Chapter, No. 7, in Mankato, Minn., and, in June 1879, he received the Knight Templar degrees in Mankato Commandery No. 4. He was Worshipful Master three years, High Priest two years, and having served in all the offices of the Grand Chapter, he was elected and served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota in 1884 and 1885. In 1886 he became a member of General Ord Post, No. 20, Grand Army

of the Republic, Department of Minnesota; he was Commander of the Post six years, and then declined reelection. He served two years as aide-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, one year on the staff of the Commander-in-chief, Thomas G. Lawler, and served five years as Council of Administration Department of Minnesota. He married 4 October 1864, Helen Mar Gardner of Panton, Vt., who was born in Panton, Vt., 29 October 1843, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Hulburt) Gardner. Thomas Gardner was born 30 May 1803, and died in Monkton, Vt., 26 October 1886. Mrs. Abigail Hulburt Gardner was born in Bristol, Vt., 20 January 1808, and died in Monkton, Vt., 4 April 1885. Mrs. Helen Mar (Gardner) Converse died of paralysis in South Park, Minn., 14 April 1900. She was a most estimable Christian woman, devoted to her home and family. The remains of Blinn Converse's parents and those of the members of his family who have died are interred in Lot 46, Block P, Layman's Cemetery, corner Lake Street and Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

The family resided in Minneapolis, 1865-1868; Mankato 1868-1869; Lake Crystal 1869-1870; St. James 1871-1881. They moved each year as the Railroad was built. In 1888 they removed to South Park, a suburb of St. Paul; since June 1900 Mr. Blinn Converse has with his daughters resided in St. Paul.

In the compilation of this record, Mr. Blinn Converse was found to be among those appreciative of the value of such a work, and much valuable assistance was given by him with respect to the record of descendants of Alfred Converse.

Children of Blinn and Helen Mar (Gardner) Converse:

CLAYTON GARDNER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Panton, Vt., 10 June 1865; married Evaulette Steadman. (468)

WINNIE LURA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Minneapolis, Minn., 24 June 1867; married Samuel T. P. Kinsey. (469)

ROLLIN BURTON CONVERSE,⁹ born in La Sueur, Minn., 24 Feb. 1870; died 29 Oct. 1878.

LUCY AGNES CONVERSE,⁹ born in St. James, Minn., 7 Dec. 1872; died 24 Oct. 1878.

MAGGIE ROXANA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in St. James, 16 Jan. 1874; died 26 Oct. 1878.

HARRIET ABBY CONVERSE,⁹ born, in St. James, 26 Jan. 1880; attended school in St. James and St. Paul until about eighteen years of age.

397. RICE CONVERSE⁸ (*Caleb Winship⁷ Burton⁷ (233), Alfred,⁶ Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Bridport, Vt., 15 September 1841; obtained a common-school education. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the First Vermont Cavalry; not being of age he was discharged six weeks later. In February 1863 he went on the New York and Lake Erie Railroad as fireman, remaining in that position until February 1866, when he removed to Minnesota, and was employed as fireman on the Minnesota Central Railroad, which later became a

part of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. After serving there two years, he was employed as engineer on the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad, now a part of the North Western Line. He continued in that service until 1882, when he entered the service of the Twin City Railway Company, where he remained until 1893, since which time he has been Assistant Engineer in the U. S. Army Building in St. Paul, Minn. He married in Minneapolis, Minn., 22 June 1868, Mary Ellen Fairchild, who was born in New York City, 16 November 1846. Her father and mother were born in Edinborough, Scotland. Her mother, before marriage, was Jeannette Loveland.

After the marriage of Rice Converse his family resided in Minneapolis, 1868-1871; St. James, 1871-1875; Mankato, 1875-1879; Shakopee, 1879-1882; St. Paul, 1882-1886; Minneapolis, 1886-1893. They have lived in St. Paul since 1893.

Children of Rice and Mary Ellen (Fairchild) Converse:

LINNIE MAY CONVERSE,⁹ born in St. James, Minn., 22 Dec. 1871.

FRANK WARNER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Mankato, Minn., 18 Oct. 1878.

IDA STUART CONVERSE,⁹ born in Shakopee, Minn., 10 Aug. 1880; married 27 Feb. 1900, in St. Paul, Minn., Paul Charlesbois.

398. JESSE GRANDEY CONVERSE⁹ (*Jefferson*⁷ (234), *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Panton, Vt., 4 August 1846; attended district school till about sixteen years of age. Soon after attaining that age, he enlisted as a private in Company K, 2nd Regiment Vermont Volunteers, joined the regiment in the field in September 1863, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. On the march from Belle Plain to Gettysburg, he nearly gave out. Upon nearing Wolf Run Shoals where his brother Rollin was about starting on the march with the 14th Regiment Vermont Volunteers, he was put in an ambulance and taken to a hospital. As soon as he was able to bear the journey he was brought to the hospital in Burlington, Vt. He recovered somewhat and received an honorable discharge after fourteen months service. He was married in Vergennes, Vt., 30 January 1868, by Rev. Mr. Torrey of Vergennes, to Clara Fannie Thompson Warren, who, always called by her second name (Fannie), was born in Newport, Ky., 12 April 1839, daughter of John and Clara (Thompson) Warren of Vergennes, Vt. During her youth she removed with her parents from Kentucky to Vermont. Jesse Grandey Converse resided in Panton, until 1878, when he removed with his family to St. Louis, Mo. In 1898 he went to the Soldiers' Home in Togus, Maine, an invalid. His tendencies are artistic, and, when health permits, he paints pictures. His family reside in St. Louis.

Children of Jesse Grandey and Clara Fannie Thompson (Warren) Converse:

CLARA WARREN CONVERSE,⁶ born 6 Aug. 1869; died in St. Louis, Mo., at the age of eighteen years.

SARAH GRANDY CONVERSE,⁶ born 19 March 1871; a stenographer with the Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN ROLLIN CONVERSE,⁶ born 4 June 1874; salesman with Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, Mo.

399. JUBA HOWE CONVERSE⁸ (*Jefferson*⁷ (234), *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Pantton, Vt., 7 November 1852. He attended district school until twelve years of age and later was a student in the Academy at Port Henry, N. Y. He resides in Pantton, where he is a farmer, and where he owns the farm of which his father was the owner. He is also a wheelwright. He married in Pantton, 6 February 1889, Clara Louisa Trask, who was born in Pantton, 15 April 1864, daughter of Flavius Josephus and Delia Eliza (Chapin) Trask. Mrs. Converse died 27 September 1899; her remains were buried in Pantton.

Son of Juba Howe and Clara Louisa (Trask) Converse:

ROLLIN TRASK CONVERSE,⁸ born in Pantton, 3 Dec. 1889.

400. LIEUT. ALONZO CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 23 February 1824; removed in 1846 to DeKalb County, Ill., and, in 1856, to New Hartford, Butler County, Iowa. He was a volunteer in the Union Army in the Civil War, serving throughout the war. He was an officer under A. J. Smith. In one engagement two horses were shot under him. He enlisted 1 July 1862, at New Hartford, Ia., in Company E, 32nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was commissioned First Lieutenant. He was at Cairo; Island No. 10; Memphis; Corinth; Iuka; and at the Battle of Nashville. He was discharged at Clinton, Ia., 20 November 1865. In 1881 he removed from Butler County, Ia., to Jerauld County, South Dakota, and thence, in 1896, to Mentone, DeKalb County, Ala., where he now (1900) resides. From 1846, he was engaged in farming. At the same time he practised law from 1857 to 1894, and was County Judge in Iowa six years, and in South Dakota two years. He was also District Attorney in South Dakota two years. From 1877 to 1879 he was engaged in the butter and cheese business in Iowa. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in South Dakota and in Alabama. He took an active part in the temperance movement while in Iowa and in South Dakota, and was a leading member of temperance societies in those states. He was elected to the Iowa Legislature

in 1860, and to the Iowa State Senate in 1870. His farms were in DeKalb County, Ill., Butler County, Ia., Sanborn County, S. D., Jerauld County, S. D., and DeKalb County, Ala. He was married in Addison, Vt., in September 1843, by Rev. I. Keach, to Polly Needham, who was born in Addison, Vt., 28 January 1823, died 9 November 1891, daughter of Charles and Minerva (Porter) Needham.

Children:

ADA JANE CONVERSE,⁹ born in Addison, Vt., 31 July 1844; married, 1st, May 1861, Samuel E. Hayden, who died in Tennessee during the Civil War, and was buried in the South. She married, 2nd, in New Hartford, Iowa, 1 June 1865, by Rev. Wm. Brayton, to William Henry Burdick, lawyer, son of Francis and Priscilla Burdick. Residence (1901), DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Children of William Henry and Ada Jane (Converse) Burdick:

PEARL ETHYLAN BURDICK,¹⁰ b. in Butler Center, Ia., 13 April 1873.

RUBY WRAY BURDICK,¹⁰ b. in Parkersburg, Ia., 18 Oct. 1880.

CORAL BURDICK,¹⁰ b. in Letcher, S. D., 11 Aug. 1883; d. 5 Sept. 1885; buried in Woonsocket, S. D.

JULIA LOUISA CONVERSE,⁹ born in DeKalb Co., Ill., 17 April 1850; married in New Hartford, Ia., 17 Nov. 1868, by Rev. J. H. Judson, to Daniel Pratt Hiscox, farmer, whose father was Rev. — Hiscox, and mother Perlie Hiscox. Residence (1901), Cherokee County, Iowa. Children of Daniel Pratt and Julia Louisa (Converse) Hiscox:

BERTHA ADA HISCOX,¹⁰ b. in New Hartford, 1 Sept. 1869; m. in Cherokee, Ia., Mar. 1889, to Charles Davenport. Children:

CYRUS DAVENPORT,¹¹ b. 1890.

ARTHUR DAVENPORT,¹¹ b. 1892.

JULIA DAVENPORT,¹¹ b. 1894.

CORA ALLENE HISCOX,¹⁰ b., in New Hartford, 4 March 1873; m., 1st, Nov. 1889, Eugene Tichenor; m., 2nd, Ellsworth Triggs, 21 June 1899. Child: LILLIE

JULIA TICHENOR,¹¹ b. Dec. 1890.

ARTHUR VINCENT HISCOX,¹⁰ b. in Cherokee, Ia., 5 April 1875; m., in Cherokee, 18 Oct. 1896, Maude Clarke.

LEORA DELL HISCOX,¹⁰ b. in Swan Lake, S. D., 29 July 1877.

MARIE HORTENSE HISCOX,¹⁰ b. in Cherokee, Ia., March 1896.

VINCENT IRVIN CONVERSE,⁹ b. in DeKalb Co., Ill., 20 May 1852; died 27 Aug. 1890; buried at Wessington Hills, S. D.; married in New Hartford, Ia., 27 May 1873, by Rev. Mr. Cooley, to Emma Augusta Isbel, adopted daughter of James and Samantha Collar. She died March 1887, and was buried at Wessington Hills, S. D. One child: LAURA MAY CONVERSE,¹⁰ b., in New Hartford, 7 Aug. 1875; m. to Cecil J. Philo, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Oct. 1895.

MINERVA IDELL CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Hartford, Ia., 19 April 1857; married, in New Hartford, 7 July 1880, by Rev. Mr. McKim, to Charles Wesley Lyon, College Professor, son of Edwin Lyon; residence, 1901, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Five children:

MILDRED LILLIAN LYON,¹⁰ b., in New Hartford, 12 Aug. 1881.

MYRTA IRENE LYON,¹⁰ b., in New Hartford, 13 July 1883.

JULIA MAE LYON,¹⁰ b. in Letcher, S. D., 12 April 1885.

CHALMER HEMAN LYON,¹⁰ b. in Raymond, S. D., 7 March 1887.

AUBREY CORTI LYON,¹⁰ b. in Iowa Falls, Ia., 16 March 1894.

LILLIAN LORANE CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Hartford, Ia., 1 April 1860; married in Letcher, S. D., 6 Oct. 1883, by Rev. Pliny B. Fisk, to William Robert Pooley, editor, son of Thomas and Eliza Pooley, and who died in Lehigh, Ia., 5 Dec. 1897, of diphtheria, and was buried in Lehigh; residence, 1901, Webster City, Ia. They had six children, viz:

BLANCHE IDELL POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Letcher, S. D., 7 Aug. 1884.

BERYL ELFLIDA POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Crow Lake, S. D., 20 Sept. 1886.

MARK ALONZO POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Wessington Hills, S. D., 2 March 1889.

EDWARD MELCHER POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Williams, Ia., 14 April 1891; d. 6 May 1891.

CLARA BERNICE POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Williams, Ia., 17 Nov. 1893.

MILES CONVERSE POOLEY,¹⁰ b. in Webster City, Ia., 16 Jan. 1896.

HEMAN CHARLES CONVERSE,⁹ born in New Hartford, Ia., 1 Feb. 1867; residence Mentone, Ala.

401. MELISSA ELMINA CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 11 March 1826; married, first, in Addison, 31 May 1843, by Rev. I. Keach, to Noah W. Porter, farmer, son of Noah and Polly Porter of Ferrisburg, Vt. He died, and she married, second, in Owego, Ill., John W. Benham, farmer, son of John and Catherine Benham of Springfield, Ill. Residence (1901), Hutchinson, Kansas.

Child of Noah W. and Melissa Elmina (Converse) Porter:

VINCENT PORTER,⁸ born in Ferrisburg, Vt., 4 Jan. 1846; died, in Ferrisburg, 15 July 1847.

Child of John W. and Melissa Elmina (Converse) Benham:

GENORE EULA BENHAM,⁸ born in Owego, Ill., 22 April 1861.

402. HULDAH JERUSHA CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 3 August 1828; married, in Addison, 26 March 1851, by Rev. Menach Miller, to William Lyman Hurlbut, of Cedar Falls, Ia., who was born in Monkton, Vt., 24 December 1829, died in Kentland, Ind., 16 December 1874, son of Lyman C. and Nancy (Tuttle) Hurlbut. She was married, second, in Pontiac, Ill., 22 March 1883, by Rev. E. Wasmuth, to Lucius Denison Newell, who was born in Burke, Caledonia Co., Vt., 28 July 1820, son of Rufus and Betsy (Beckwith) Newell. Residence Prescott, Wis. Mrs. Newell is a member of the Baptist Church. To her and to Mr. Newell thanks are due for much valuable assistance in the compilation of the record in this book of descendants of Heman Converse. For genealogical record of Mr. Newell see under head of Helen Polina Converse⁸ (page 586), his first wife.

Children of William Lyman and Huldah Jerusha (Converse) Hurlbut, all born in Addison, Vt.:

JENNIE NANCY HURLBUT,⁸ born 11 Jan. 1853; died, in Addison, 19 Aug. 1863.

GEORGE LYMAN HURLBUT,⁸ born 16 June 1854; died, in Addison, 2 Oct. 1861.

PERY CONVERSE HURLBUT,⁹ born 10 Aug. 1858; died, in Addison, 26 Aug. 1863.

WARD WILLIAM HURLBUT,⁹ REV., born 10 Nov. 1864. He moved with his parents to Butler Co., Iowa, when 7 years old, and lived there till his 18th year, with the exception of two years spent with relatives in Livingstone Co., Ill. Thereafter, until his marriage he made his home with his mother in Prescott, Wis. He attended the Prescott High School, and Chadock College, Quincy, Ill. He clerked for two years in the general store of E. A. Meacham & Co., in Prescott, Wis., and conducted a general store at Loraine, Ill., 1891-1894. In 1897, he joined the North West Kansas Conference of the M. E. Church; was stationed at Sharon Springs, Kansas, as a clergyman for two years, and is now (1901) filling his second year as a clergyman at Atwood, Kansas. He was married, in Prescott, Wis., 30 July 1889, by Rev. W. W. Hurd, to Eva Jay Miller, youngest child of Griffin Henry Peter and Joanna Brundage (Silkman) Miller. Children:

EDNA JAY HURLBUT,¹⁰ b. in Loraine, Ill., 11 Nov. 1891.

MARK WILLIAM HURLBUT,¹⁰ b. in Loraine, Ill., 4 Feb. 1894.

HATTIE BLANCH HURLBUT,¹⁰ b. in Sharon Springs, Kan., 1 Jan. 1898.

MARK LYMAN HURLBUT,⁹ born 11 March 1867; died in New Hartford, Ia., 27 April 1882.

403. ORLIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 1 November 1834. He removed to Pontiac, Ill., where he was engaged in farming. He married, in Pontiac, Rebecca Rockwood. He was a volunteer in the Union Army in the Civil War, enlisting at Pontiac, Ill., in 1861, in the 129th Illinois Infantry and serving throughout the war. His military record included service under General Sherman, in the march from Atlanta to the Sea.

Children of Orlin and Rebecca (Rockwood) Converse:

ROLLIN PAIN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Pontiac, Ill., 1867; enlisted in the Spanish-American War in 1898, and died in camp at Chickamauga the same year, of typhoid fever.

JESSIE CONVERSE,⁹ born 1869; died, in Pontiac, in 1871.

404. LOUISE M. CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 1 October 1837; married, in Addison, by J. N. Smith, J. P., to W. O. Hindes, who was born in Moriah, N. Y., son of Willmarth and Adaline Hindes. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hindes resided, for some years in Burlington, Vt., where he was an insurance agent, and subsequently resided in Vergennes, Vt.

Children of W. O. and Louisa M. (Converse) Hindes:

WILLIE ALBERT HINDES,⁹ born 6 Feb. 1859.

GEORGE WILLMARTH HINDES,⁹ born 29 March 1864.

WINIFRED ADALINE HINDES,⁹ born 4 June 1871.

EDNA JANIE HINDES,⁹ born 18 July 1875.

405. HARVEY CONVERSE⁸ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴

Samuel,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 24 September 1842; removed to Pontiac, Ill., in 1866, where he was engaged in teaching school and in farming. In 1874, he removed thence to New Hartford, Ia., and has since resided there, engaged in farming. He acts as agent for the Modern Brotherhood of America. He was married in Monkton, Vt., 9 March 1866, by Rev. Mr. Stephens, to Lydia Adelaid Cooper, who was born in Bristol, Vt., 23 June 1841, daughter of Martin M. and Sally (Benedict) Cooper of Monkton.

Children:

EMMA CONVERSE,³ born 1870; married — Mack; residence, Swanton, Ia.

MARY JANE CONVERSE,³ born 1872; residence, New Hartford, Ia.

BERT LEROY CONVERSE,³ born 1874; residence, Swanton, Ia.

406. MELINDA CONVERSE³ (*Heman*⁷ (236), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Addison, Vt., 9 September 1844; died, in Addison, 8 September 1887; buried in Addison. She married, in Addison, Dennis M. Norton, who was born in Addison, son of Hiram and Electa Norton. He resides on the Converse farm in that town.

Children of Dennis M. and Melinda (Converse) Norton:

NINA M. NORTON,³ born, in Addison, 27 Feb. 1864; married in Westport, N. Y., 14 March 1887, by Rev. Mr. Fulton, to Edward Whittie, of Vergennes, Vt. One child:

HAZEL WHITTIE,¹⁰ b. 20 Sept. 1898.

PERRY D. NORTON,³ born, in Addison, 26 Jan. 1866; married in Westport, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1897, by Rev. Mr. Woodal, to Bertha C (?) Sunderland of Bridport, Vt., dau. of Daniel and Rocelia (Wolcott) Sunderland. One child:

HUBERT NORTON,¹⁰ b. 10 Oct. 1898.

FRANK H. NORTON,³ born, in Addison, Oct. 1870; married in West Hampton, Mass. 1897.

WILLIAM H. NORTON,³ born, in Addison, Jan. 1873; married, 1894, Mary Laboeuf, of Vergennes, Vt., dau. of Charles Labouef.

MYRON D. NORTON,³ born 13 Dec. 1875.

BELLE M. NORTON,³ born 5 June 1879.

ROY C. NORTON,³ born 25 Nov. 1880.

CHESTER A. NORTON,³ born 21 March 1882.

CARL O. NORTON,³ born 19 March 1885.

CLAYTON NORTON,³ born 17 March 1886.

407. HELEN POLINA CONVERSE³ (*Pain*⁷ (237), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 12 October 1822; died in Prescott, Wis., 26 July 1878. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She was married in Colton, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., 24 May 1843, by Rev. William Whitfield, to Lucius Denison Newell, who was born in Burke, Caledonia County, Vt., 28 July 1820, son of Rufus and Betsy (Beckwith) Newell. Rufus Newell was born in Connecticut, 8 June 1784, and died in Little

Falls, N. Y. Lucius Denison Newell married, second, Mrs. Huldah Jerusha (Converse) Hurlburt, widow. She is the daughter of Heman⁷ and Hannah (Crampton) Converse. From 1840 to 1889, Lucius Denison Newell was a merchant; first in Colton, N. Y., until 1846; in Jay, Essex County, N. Y., from 1846 to 1856; and thereafter in Prescott, Wis., where he now resides. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

Children of Lucius Denison and Helen Polina (Converse) Newell:

ISADORE DAMRAS NEWELL,⁸ born in Potsdam, N. Y., 26 Aug. 1846; married in Prescott, Wis., 15 Sept. 1880, by Rev. Wm. F. Bunker, to William Henry Myers, son of Christian Myers. One son:

LEROY NEWELL MYERS,¹⁰ b. 11 Aug. 1882.

EUGENE LA FAYETTE NEWELL,⁸ born in Jay, N. Y., 21 Feb. 1849; druggist at Excelsior, Minn., since 1880; married by Rev. William T. Bunker, to Edla Cook, dau. of Gamaliel Cook.

MARSDEN NEWELL,⁸ born in Jay, N. Y., 8 Sept. 1851; died 7 Jan. 1852.

CHARLOTTE MARIA NEWELL,⁸ born in Jay, N. Y., 2 June 1853; died 5 June 1889, in Hayward, Wis., buried in Prescott; member Baptist Church; married, in Prescott, 6 Sept. 1881, by Rev. William T. Bunker, to George Glenn Williams, teacher, who was born in Hanna, N. Y., in 1856, and died Sept. 1898. His remains were buried in Prescott. One son:

NEWELL MARCIUS WILLIAMS,¹⁰ b. 3 Feb. 1889.

HETTIE VIROQUA NEWELL,⁸ born in Jay, N. Y., 10 June 1856; died 17 October 1894; married, 19 Dec. 1878, Frank A. Ross, born 24 March 1856; attorney, and member of law firm of Ross, Dwyer & Niel of West Superior, Wis. Children:

LESLIE GARFIELD ROSS,¹⁰ b. in Prescott, 12 March 1881.

MYRTLE POLINA ROSS,¹⁰ b. in Prescott, 25 July 1883.

ELIZA SARAH ROSS,¹⁰ b. 8 Feb. 1886; d. 4 Oct. 1886.

WAYNE MACVEAGH ROSS,¹⁰ b., in Prescott, 4 Oct. 1887.

MILDRED SARAH ROSS,¹⁰ b. in Superior, Wis., 8 April 1890.

HOWARD NEWELL ROSS,¹⁰ b. 13 Oct. 1894; d. 22 Feb. 1896.

WILLIAM CONVERSE NEWELL,⁸ born, in Prescott, 5 Aug. 1859; died in St. Park, Minn., 21 Dec. 1889; member M. E. Church.

CARRIE BLANCH NEWELL,⁸ born, in Prescott, 15 March 1862; married in Superior, Wis., 18 June 1896, by Rev. James R. Smith, to Frank A. Ross.

FREDERICK ALANSON NEWELL,⁸ born in Minneapolis, Minn., 14 Sept. 1868; paper manufacturer in Kansas City, Mo.

408. ALBERT BELKNAP CONVERSE⁸ (*Orlin*⁷ (238), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Swanton, Vt., 23 May 1827; died in St. Louis, Mo., about 1873. At an early age he went West, and entered the service of the Government as scout and guard to supply trains running from Salt Lake City to Santa Fe. He had many narrow escapes from Indians. At one time the train a few days in advance of his was entirely wiped out. At another time the train with which he was connected was without water

for nearly a week, and went for miles and miles in search of it until their tongues were so parched and swollen as to protrude from their mouths. Mr. Converse remained in the employ of the Government until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Union service as a detective spy, and was stationed at St. Louis. The records show that he was appointed a special U. S. police officer, of the District of Missouri and Iowa, 1 October 1862; that he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief of the U. S. Police Department of Missouri, 11 May 1864; and that he was relieved from duty as a U. S. Police Officer at the Headquarters of the Provost Marshal General, Department of Missouri, St. Louis to date 31 May 1865. The Provost Marshal General, Department of Missouri, in his order relieving Mr. Converse from duty, took occasion to express appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Government during his long connection with the police department of the Provost Marshal General's office, and to commend him as a faithful and trustworthy man.

Mr. Converse married, but his wife's name, parentage, etc., were not known by those who furnished these particulars.

409. DEXTER EDGAR CONVERSE⁸ (*Orlin*⁷ (238), *Pain*⁶, *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Swanton, Vermont, 21 April 1828; died, in Spartanburg, 5 October 1899; married in Cohoes, N. Y.,



Dexter Edgar Converse.



Mrs. Helen Antoinette (Twichell) Converse.

18 September 1856, Helen Antoinette Twichell, who was born at New York Mills, Oneida County, N. Y., December 1839, and is the daughter of Winslow and Anne (Carroll) Twichell. Immediately after his marriage Dexter Edgar

and Helen Antoinette (Twichell) Converse made their home in Spartanburg Co., S. C.

Winslow Twichell was born in Swanton, Vt., in 1810, and died in Lansingburg, N. Y., in August 1889. Louise Twichell who married Orlin Converse⁷ was his sister. Anne Carroll was from County Armagh, Ireland, was born in 1814, and died at the age of twenty-five, leaving three children, Winslow, who died young, Helen Antoinette, and Albert who resides in South Carolina.

Albert Twichell was born in New York Mills in 1841. He went South a few years before the War, and, having adopted it as his home, took up arms in its cause, seeing four years active service. He enlisted as a private in Company D, 13th Regiment, Maxcy Gregg's Brigade, A. P. Hill's Division, but was soon after detailed in the Quartermaster's department. After the war, he engaged with Dexter Edward Converse in cotton manufacturing, and is the Secretary and Treasurer of the mills of which Mr. Converse was the President, viz: the Glendale Mills, and the three Clifton Mills. He was married in 1866 to Miss Mary Bomar of Charleston, S. C., and they have two daughters, Nellie Converse Twichell (Mrs. David McIver of New York) and Emma Bomar Twichell (Mrs. J. C. Evins of Spartanburg).

Dexter Edgar Converse's father having died when he was three years old, and his mother having married again, he was reared by his uncle, Albert G. Brown of Canada, being engaged with him in the manufacture of woolen goods, until he reached his majority. He received education in the common schools. At twenty-one he secured a position in a cotton mill at Cohoes, N. Y., where he remained five years. In 1854, he went to Lincolnton, N. C., where he was superintendent of a cotton mill for a few months. In February 1855 he came to Bivingsville (now Glendale), South Carolina, during the administration of the cotton mill by E.C. and George Leitner. The Leitners becoming financially embarrassed, the mill was sold by the sheriff in 1856 and bought by Mr. John Bomar, who organized the firm of John Bomar & Co., with a capital of \$16,500. Mr. Bomar was made manager of the company, and Mr. Converse took stock to the amount of \$1,500 and was made superintendent. The mill at that time contained but 1,300 spindles and twenty-six looms, which formed the nucleus, however, of his subsequent extensive works, and the beginning of his successful career as a cotton manufacturer. Mr. Bomar's health failed, and in 1866 Mr. Converse was elected manager of the company. His executive ability, and experience, and success as a business man soon became evident. Mr. Bomar died in 1867.

A new mill was built and started in 1867 (130x50 ft.), containing 2,160 spindles

and twenty-four looms, the old mill having been abandoned. Machinery was put in from time to time until the mill contained about 4,800 spindles and 136 looms.

Mr. A. H. Twichell, brother-in-law to Mr. Converse, came to the mill in 1859 as bookkeeper and clerk in the company store; in 1870 Mr. Twichell was admitted to the firm, after buying the interest of some of the legatees of Mr. Bomar. In the same year Mr. Converse bought out the other interests and the firm name was changed to D. E. Converse & Co., the firm consisting of Converse, Zimmerman and Twichell.

The name of the place was changed from Bivingsville to Glendale in 1878. The D. E. Converse Company was incorporated in 1889 with a capital stock of \$150,000, and this capital was increased to \$300,000 in 1890, and a new addition (170x100) was then built to the old mill. Mr. Converse was president and Mr. Twichell secretary and treasurer of the company.

The mill at present contains 17,280 spindles and 518 looms. It manufactures sheeting, shirting, and drills, having an annual product of 700,000 yards and consuming 6,700 bales of cotton. There are 350 operatives, who are paid in wages \$60,000 annually. A public school runs for nine months free, the company paying for five months. The company also operates a cotton gin, flouring and grist mills and saw mill, and owns a 1300-acre farm on which the village of Glendale is built.

The village of Glendale and all its property belongs to the Company. Having made a great success of the mill at Glendale, it was but natural that Mr. Converse should look out for a wider field.

In 1880, therefore, we find him purchasing a large area of land and several water powers on Pacolet river, seven miles east of Spartanburg, and near the line of the Southern Railway. The Clifton Manufacturing Company was organized in that year with a capital of \$200,000, and mill No. 1 was built and equipped with 7,000 spindles and 144 looms. In 1881 the capital was increased to \$500,000 and 10,000 additional spindles and full complement of looms put in. There were further additions made until this mill now contains 23,072 spindles and 797 looms. The building is 407x74 feet, three stories.

In 1888 the capital stock was further increased to \$700,000, and mill No. 2 was built on water power one-half mile below mill No. 1. This is 260x100, four stories, and equipped with 27,776 spindles and 877 looms.

On 7 May 1895, the Clifton Company increased its capital to \$1,000,000, and built mill No. 3 on water power less than a mile above No. 1 and near the line of the Southern Railway. This mill is 320x101 feet, four stories, and is equipped with

34,944 spindles and 1,092 looms. An addition to mill No. 3, 125x101 feet, and containing 15,000 spindles and 500 looms, makes mill No. 3, 445x101, four stories, with 49,944 spindles and 1,592 looms.

It will thus be seen that the three Cliftons, with this addition to No. 3, will operate 100,792 spindles and 3,250 looms; will consume approximately 50,000 bales of cotton annually and make about 55,000,000 yards of cloth, heavy and medium sheeting and drills. These goods are sold in the United States and largely exported to South America, China, Africa and other countries in the East. The three Cliftons have a combined population of 6,000, and of these over 2,200 are employed as operatives and receive in wages \$300,000 annually. At each of the mills there is a splendid school, running ten months free, and they have a combined attendance of 800 pupils. The company each year donates large sums in aid of these schools, and has erected three handsome church buildings, one at each of the three mills.

From the organization of the Clifton Manufacturing Company Mr. Converse has been president and Mr. Twichell secretary and treasurer.

These mills are the most extensive in the South under one organization, and are reputed to be as successful as any in the southern States. Mr. Converse owned the majority of the stock at Glendale, was a large stockholder in the Clifton Company, and owned stock in the Pacolet mills, the Whitney Manufacturing Company and the Spartan mills.

Mr. Converse was a stockholder and director in the First National Bank, and the Merchants and Farmers Bank, and Savings Bank, all of Spartanburg. He was a trustee of the State Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Cedar Springs, and also of the Jennings Orphanage located near Spartanburg.

Upon his removal to Spartanburg in 1891 he erected an elegant mansion there, one of the finest in the State.

In 1889, Mr. Converse contemplated moving to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of educating his only daughter, Miss Marie Converse; but the leading citizens of Spartanburg learning of his intentions invited him to meet them in a conference and he was induced to join them in organizing a joint stock company to build a female school of high order in that city. The old St. John's property on East Main street was bought for the purpose, and as Mr. Converse was one of the largest subscribers to the capital stock of the company the college was named in his honor. When the college was organized, Dr. Benjamin F. Wilson, its president, and Mr. Converse leased the college from the stockholders for a period of five years, and Mr. Converse thoroughly equipped and furnished the

school. At the expiration of this lease Mr. Converse proposed that the stockholders surrender their stock and that the institution be transferred to a board of trustees for the higher education of women. This proposition was agreed to and Mr. Converse was elected president of the board of trustees and gave the entire equipment, costing over \$60,000, to the college. Since then Converse College has been Mr. Converse's special pet and contributing thereto has been his chief delight, and in the fourth clause of his will he bequeathes approximately one-third of his vast estate to Converse College.

Converse College is designed for the higher education of young women; and the standard of scholarship is as high, and the work as thorough as that required in colleges for men. Its purpose is to provide for young women such advantages



Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

and facilities as can be obtained only in institutions having the most complete appointments, and the highest grade of instruction. It has about 450 students

and between thirty and forty professors and teachers. The main college building is a large handsome structure, 300 feet long, 190 feet deep, contains 150 rooms and is completed with every modern convenience and improvement. The Chapel is sixty by eighty feet, Gothic in design, and the auditorium seats a thousand persons. A handsome Conservatory of Music and Concert Hall has recently been added, which contains thirty-four practice rooms, and an auditorium which accommodates 2,000 people. The College has purchased and completed its own electric light plant, and a fine dormitory and gymnasium building, of brick and granite, is now in course of erection. The college buildings occupy the summit of a beautiful hill, and are surrounded by attractive grounds including a luxuriant oak grove covering fifty acres.

The following description of this institution is from the Christian Observer, Louisville, Ky., 11 October 1899.

CONVERSE COLLEGE.

Converse College has had the largest opening in its history. Every available space is occupied, and every room in the new, large dormitory is full.

The students came from eighteen or twenty different States, and a great many have enrolled from the southwestern States. Each member of the large faculty is on hand ready for duty, and all of the departments are full. Nearly four hundred students reported on the opening day, and the roll will go over five hundred during the year.

All the work at Converse is of a very thorough and high order. The faculty is an unusually strong one, the appointments very fine, and the life and influence are most cultured and refined. Converse feels grateful for the confidence and patronage from all over the country.

It is almost phenomenal that the new, large dormitory, as well as all of the former dormitory buildings, should have been nearly filled on the first day. It is hoped that a larger science hall and another large dormitory may be ready for the many applicants by September, 1900.

If the growth of Converse College, in plant, in funds and students will be as great in the next ten years, she can become indeed a strong, independent university for women, and by that time there may be 1,000 students within her walls.

Converse College is a great monument to the sympathies and gifts of the citizens of Spartanburg, and especially to the great benevolence of that modest gentleman and sincere philanthropist, Mr. D. E. Converse.

Mr. Converse was a Republican with regard to national issues, although a Democrat in state and local politics. He was one of the most prominent business men in South Carolina, was largely identified with the business interests and enterprises of Spartanburg, and was the chief promoter of cotton manufactures in the south. During the civil war he was enrolled in the Confederate ranks as a member of Co. D, 13th Regiment, Maxcy Gregg's Brigade, A. P. Hill's Division; but was detailed to return to Bivingsville (now Glendale) to superintend the running of the mill which was then manufacturing the goods for the soldiers' clothes.

From the Spartanburg Herald of 6 October 1899:

MR. CONVERSE IS DEAD.

GLOOM SETTLES UPON THE COMMUNITY THAT LOVED HIM AND REVERES HIS MEMORY.

HE WAS A GREAT MAN, A PHILANTHROPIST

AND HIS PLACE WILL NEVER BE FILLED AS A FACTOR IN SPARTANBURG'S GROWTH.

Yesterday afternoon at 6.15 o'clock, Mr. D. E. Converse died at his residence on Pine Street after two weeks' illness of dysentery. The death of Mr. Converse removes from the city a man, who, perhaps more than any one individual, has made Spartanburg what she is today—a flourishing city of the South. Mr. Converse's condition had been regarded as critical for several days past, but the end, nevertheless, was a surprise of the most painful kind to his unusually large circle of acquaintances.

Despite the fact that all skilled medical aid was summoned and every means that loving hands and hearts could invent were resorted to, he succumbed to the inevitable and has passed into his silent rest, after a busy life, full of great, unselfish results. There has never been a death in this city which has cast such a universal pall of gloom about as that of Mr. Converse.

The funeral services will be conducted in the auditorium at Converse College at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, and the remains will be interred in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Converse was a man "too noble to conserve a life in base appliances" and while the pioneer and author of the cotton mill industry in the South in which he made the county of his adoption the leader, he, with a broad and liberal spirit seldom seen, founded in 1891 in this city by his own efforts Converse College, a female institution, which is the pride of this city, and has not a superior as an institution for young ladies' education in the South. By nature he was generous and liberal, and his counterpart of the Good Samaritan will not soon be forgotten by hundreds of poor factory operatives. He was a director in the National Bank of Spartanburg, the Merchants and Farmers Bank and the Savings Bank, and was largely identified with every movement which tended to advance Spartanburg.

In every sense of the word Spartanburg has suffered a distinct loss, which in many senses will never be supplied. With her present vigorous growth and steady push she needs no sponsor or guiding hand, but at the time when the city was little more than a village, she needed some great, broad-minded, liberal spirited citizen to lift her from the slough of lethargy, and this personage was found in Mr. Dexter Edgar Converse.

Also from the Spartanburg Herald of 6 October 1899:

DEATH OF DEXTER EDGAR CONVERSE.

Spartanburg is in mourning to-day. A man whose life has been a benefaction to humanity, whose untiring energies were always devoted to the upbuilding and betterment of his adopted State, county and city has gone to his final account, and to-morrow his mortal remains will go from the institution which was the pride of his heart, to their resting place, amid the tears and heartaches of thousands.

Mr. Converse came to this community from the North before the war, but at the time when prejudice and sectional feeling were beginning to be felt; but it is remarkable that during his whole career no prejudice or ill-feeling was ever manifested towards him on this account, and today, from the humblest man up to the highest, there is but one sentiment, that he was a grand man, a noble character whose life work in this community will be more enduring than granite shafts.

It is significant of Mr. Converse's career, that his business ventures were uniformly successful. He had a masterful grasp of affairs, and he not only succeeded in amassing a fortune, but

demonstrated the practicability of turning this purely agricultural community into the center of the cotton manufacturing industry of the South. But he did not choose to wrap himself up in his own business. He was builded on broader lines. His patriotism was potential, and Spartanburg owes her present prominence, her pluck and progress more to D. E. Converse than to any other man. If he preached, he also practised. When any movement was suggested for the advancement and betterment of the city along any line, without ostentatious show or vainglorious prominence, he was found to be foremost in promoting it as well as first in contributing of his means. He gave momentum to every movement, and never was there the slightest exhibition of narrowness or jealousy.

The full extent of the benevolence of this man will never be known. Thousands have been lifted up and given a chance by his efforts, and when the chilling blasts of winter come not a few of the operatives of the several mills in which he was interested, will think of him. It would not be possible even to suggest the lines on which the benevolence of Mr. Converse has been expended. Much of it has never been recorded, save in the grateful memory of the beneficiaries, and in the knowledge that he has done the full measure of all that Christian duty called for.

At a time when this newspaper was in desperate straits the writer, having lost his all and ready to abandon the enterprise, then a stranger in Spartanburg, and, as he thought, friendless almost as well as penniless, Mr. Converse came to the rescue and offered to pay the full price rather than see it go down. He voluntarily assumed obligations which saved the property, and at that time he fully expected to be called on to make good his obligations. We mention this to show the disinterested public spirit of the man; that he was ready to volunteer to help an enterprise which he believed would help Spartanburg.

All Spartanburg mourns the loss of this man. He was a typical Spartan. He did not wait to echo the liberality of others, but he led them all, and his influence stopped only when he had induced others to do all they could.

Converse College, the pride of his heart, that grandest institution for the education of woman in the South, is a nobler monument than could ever be carved from stone. It will endure for all time, growing stronger and greater in influence and usefulness as it grows older.

No man was ever accorded a higher place in the hearts of his countrymen than D. E. Converse. There is not a man among all his fellow men to speak ill of him. Higher praise than this no man can receive.

From the Columbia, S. C., State, 5 October 1899:

The death of Mr. D. E. Converse will be severely felt in Spartanburg, a county in which his work and example have been potential and to which he has been in various ways a benefactor. A pioneer in Piedmont cotton manufacturing, Mr. Converse soon attained wealth and prominence, and in his later years the influence of his enterprise impressed most favorably the fortunes of the city of Spartanburg. A man of great public spirit, he was one of the pillars of that community. Perhaps his best monument will be the famous college which bears his name.

A. B. WILLIAMS'S TRIBUTE TO MR. CONVERSE.

No country is blessed with many men like D. E. Converse, of Spartanburg, who died yesterday. He was the source and the inspiration of good wherever he went, through all his community and his State. He was a "valuable citizen" in every sense of those words — a strong and useful man, a progressive man who carried others with him in his progress, who as he built for himself built for others also and diffused widely the results of his thought and purpose and knowledge and labor. He was a builder, a developer and a leader in every department of life.

As a pioneer cotton mill builder he brought tremendous benefits to this State and to the South.

He began as a young man to improve everything he touched, to make it better and stronger, and he has never rested until now when he has found his everlasting rest. His life was busy and rich. His work was constant and wisely directed and the results have been splendid. He was a power and always a power for good. He has left behind him many monuments of his achievement and his public spirit and generosity which will endure and will long keep his name remembered in honor and affection.

His death is a heavy loss to his country, his State and his community, but in his life he did much and wrought mightily for all of them.

From the Spartanburg Free Lance, 13 October 1899:

At 11 o'clock on Friday morning the students of Converse College formed and repaired in a body to the residence on Pine street and thence accompanied the vast funeral procession of carriages and equipages which bore the body to the new Auditorium of Converse College where the funeral services were held.

The audience in the building and outside on the college campus was estimated at 3,000, and was made up of the citizens not only of Spartanburg and Glendale and the Cliftons, but of farmers from the country and citizens from other towns and from a distance. This immense concourse was the best evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all the people of this county, representing every pursuit, profession and business.

The following gentlemen were pall-bearers

HONORARY:— Maj. D. R. Duncan, Capt. John H. Montgomery, Dr. H. A. Ligon, Col. Jos. Walker, Col. John B. Cleveland, Mr. S. B. Ezell, Capt. John W. Carlisle, Capt. Chas. Petty, Mr. C. W. Zimmerman, Dr. J. N. Moore, Hon. A. B. Calvert, Dr. T. S. Means, Capt. A. H. Foster, Mr. George Cofield, Sr., Mr. F. J. Pelzer and Prof. N. F. Walker.

ACTIVE:— Geo. W. Nicholls, J. E. Shea, Elisha Bomar, W. E. Lindsay, Prof. J. F. Brown, S. J. Simpson, Dr. J. F. Cleveland, and Dr. Geo. W. Heinitsch.

The following is the programme of the exercises in the auditorium:

Song by the Choir, "Lead Kindly Light."

Dr. Watkins read 90th Psalm, "Lord, thou hast been my resting place."

Prayer by Dr. J. S. Watkins.

Song by the Choir.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Law read from the New Testament the passage beginning, "Now is Christ risen from the Dead."

Song by Choir, "Abide with me."

At the conclusion of this last song the following fitting words were spoken by Dr. J. S. Watkins.

"Spartanburg during the last year has lost some of its most valuable and highly esteemed citizens. We felt that we could ill afford to lose them. And now we are called on to mourn the loss of another, who has been suddenly removed from us in the all-wise Providence of God. It is generally conceded, I believe, that Mr. Converse has done more than any other one man to promote the growth and prosperity of the city. He was identified with nearly all the great movements which have led to the present flourishing condition of the city.

"In St. Paul's Cathedral, London, there is a slab of marble, upon which is engraved the name of its great architect, Sir Christopher Wren. Just beneath his name these words are written: 'If you would see his monument, look around you,' and we might say of our friend; Look around you and you will see his monuments. These magnificent buildings and this splendid institution are the result of his beneficence.

"Not unfrequently men of wealth make some provision in their will for charities of various

kinds. But rarely do we find a man who gives a good block of his property outright, during his life-time, for the public good. Such a man deserves to be honored by his fellow citizens. Mr. Converse lived to see the fruits of his benevolence. In this respect he has set a noble example to men of wealth.

"Converse College is not only an excellent contribution to the cause of education, but to the general growth and prosperity of the city. How many families have moved here because of its educational advantages.

"Mr. Converse has been a very useful citizen in other lines. He was among the pioneers of the cotton manufacturing industry in this county and State. Fifty years ago, the state had no manufacturing industries worth mentioning. Mr. Converse by his energy and enterprise proved that the manufacture of cotton could be made a source of great wealth and blessing to the state, and his success encouraged others to make similar efforts. Now the state manufactures about all the cotton it produces.

"But we honor our friend not merely because of his public and private benefactions, but also because of the character which he bore among us. He was a plain, unostentatious man, temperate in his habits, guarded in his speech, just and fair in his dealings with his fellow men, broad-minded and public spirited, tender hearted and sympathetic, a friend of the poor, and ever ready to help in every good cause. He was liberal to the church as well as to other good causes.

"It is not strange that a gloom should settle upon our city after the death of so valuable a citizen. How appropriate then that the funeral exercises should be held in this college auditorium! And how appropriate that his remains should sleep in this soil! The college was ever on his mind and heart. He determined that a first-class equipment should be furnished and that nothing should be lacking which could conduce to the comfort of the young ladies. Peace to his ashes!'

At the conclusion of Dr. Watkins' remarks the following beautiful tribute was read by Dr. James H. Carlisle:

"Perhaps my acquaintance with our deceased friend dates further back than that of any one else who speaks to-day. More than forty years ago, I used to meet him at the religious occasions, which he loved to encourage among his people, near his home. During the great war, I saw him in his office, where needy women and wives and widows of soldiers had learned to go for help. He was old enough to bear his share in the burdens and dangers of the war. He was not too old to adjust himself to new and strange conditions when peace returned. While some of our citizens were eloquently abusing his native section, and others were sitting down in sullen despair, he threw himself, with all his energies, into needed honorable work to help in rebuilding the shattered fortunes of our people. He depended for his success only on skill, prudence, patience and integrity. We suppose it never occurred to him that money might be sought in gambling speculations. He must have been endued to an unusual degree with the rare qualities to gain wealth honorably, and the still rarer qualities to use it wisely and unselfishly. A few years ago, in this growing city, a critical opportunity occurred, to take a signal step forward in the most important field of education. The place, the time, called for the man. Thrown in early life upon the care of a widowed mother, his own fine character a tribute to her worth, and having been privileged, in her case, to rock the cradle of reposing age, our friend was well prepared to put a high estimate on female influence and character. Quietly, without pretence or show, he came forward and met the grand occasion grandly.

"A man of few words, of unusual modesty, whose virtues were rather felt than seen, it almost seemed easier for him to sign a large check for the college, than to take his place on the platform on commencement day, and receive the congratulations of his friends. He took all the precautions that the education imparted to young women here should be safe, moral, religious. Perhaps no surer means could be taken by any man to embalm his money, and give it earthly continuance.

"The orphan stranger came among us, without means. He has given to his adopted State an offering such as very few of her own sons, with ancestral wealth, have laid on her altar.

"Through coming generations, successive bands of happy college girls will roam over this beautiful campus, with merry songs and laughter. There will be one spot where their laughter and song will cease. With slow and solemn steps they will go to the spot, with the flowers of each returning spring, and offering the tribute of their warm and grateful young hearts, they will say, one to another, 'He loved our people, and gave us this college!'"

Dr. Benj. F. Wilson was then asked to read a certain paper in his possession of which he was the author and which had been written eight years ago outlining Mr. Converse's purpose in founding Converse College. Dr. Wilson arose and stepping to the beautiful casket containing the remains of Mr. Converse and placing his right hand thereon said that there was no place on which he could lean so suitably as on the coffin of Mr. Converse, for during the past twelve years he had leaned on this noble man as a father and had been guided by his instruction, advice and help. He then read the paper given below, which had been signed and indorsed by Mr. Converse about two weeks before. This paper will be incorporated in the College constitution and will be printed each year hereafter on the first page of the catalogue of the College. He read as follows:

THE PURPOSE OF D. E. CONVERSE IN FOUNDING CONVERSE COLLEGE.

"It is my opinion that the well-being of any country depends much upon the culture of her women, and I have done what I could to found a college that would provide for women thorough and liberal culture; so that, for them, the highest motives may become clear purposes and fixed habits of life; and I desire that the instruction and influence of Converse College be always such, that the students may be enabled to see clearly, to decide wisely and act justly; and they may learn to love God and Humanity and be faithful to truth and duty, so that their influence may be characterized by purity and power.

"It is also my desire and hope that Converse College be always truly religious, but never denominational. I believe that religion is essential to all that is purest and best in life, here and hereafter. I wish the college to be really, but liberally and tolerantly, Christian; for I believe that the revelation of God in Christ is for salvation; and I commend and commit the college to the love and guidance of God, and to the care, sympathy and fidelity of my fellowmen."

The exercises in the Auditorium were concluded by Miss Mattison singing the beautiful solo, "Sleep Thy Last Sleep." The body was then interred on the campus immediately in front of the college building at a spot where Mr. Converse recently had expressed a desire to be buried. The choir in a most touching manner sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and Dr. Wilson closed these solemn services by most feelingly pronouncing the benediction. Then the body of Dexter Edgar Converse literally slept beneath a wilderness of the choicest flowers which had been tenderly placed upon his grave by the faculty and the students of Converse College and by other friends.

A grand and noble man has passed away, but the result of his life-work remains and will form one of the most important chapters in the history of Spartanburg county and of the State of South Carolina. In all coming time influences for good will flow from his princely benevolence and these will widen as the years go by and be absorbed and perpetuated in the lives and characters of thousands of young women in this glorious Southland. Such men typify the great possibilities of humanity; they are the golden links that bind earth and heaven, the human and the divine, time and eternity, and their characters should lift us up to higher planes of purity of thought and virtuous living. Mr. Converse's success in life should be an inspiration to the young men of to-day, for in it are exemplified what can be accomplished by one who is diligent in business, honest and upright in purpose, just and generous in his dealings with his fellowmen, and is guided by a sincere desire to develop the material resources of our section, to educate and ennoble womanhood, to

bring joy and sunshine into home-life — in a word, to make the world happier, wiser and better.

The tributes to the memory of Mr. Converse given below have been written by those who were his business associates and intimate friends, and by those who have been in his employ and have had opportunities to study him as a man and to know the many excellencies of his every-day life and character.

By MAJ. J. M. ELFORD.

Much has been written and much more has been said, and most deservedly so, of the life and work of the good man we have so recently lost — as to his usefulness in our community, as a builder of mills, and of his magnificent charities in later years. But as I have known D. Edgar Converse so well and for so many years and have been so intimately acquainted with him from the first day he arrived at Bivingsville to the time of his latter years when he has been so justly honored with the presidency of four large cotton mills and made president of the grand Institution in our own city, Converse College, I shall revert back to the past of former times; for as he was when death snatched him away from us, so was he in his first years of living among us as one of our citizens—the same whole-souled, generous and loved Converse.

Could the many poor as well as the many rich that once inhabited the little cottages dotted on hillsides around Bivingsville now speak as those speak that today inhabit them, there would be a long and loud anthem of praise and love and endearment for their tried friend and benefactor. Their voices would be heard in loud hallelujahs for his kind charities to them and so unselfishly bestowed. Yes, it was as great then according to his abilities as when he generously lavished out his thousands in larger generousities; for he was one of the noblest works of God, an honest man and a just one.

Oh! I have so often thought that if each one of the many hundreds who have lived in former years could only tell of his private and unknown beneficence to them what a volume would be written and what pages of his kindness, his love, his true self would fill each chapter. Yes, their tearful eyes and trembling lips would show forth their gratitude to him who remembered them in their time of want and who helped them in their need and poverty.

And the beggars on the highway if they too could only respond would utter the truth: "Oh! yes; I knew him and loved him too; he was always helpful to us, for he was so good." Thrice blessed is the man who remembers the poor; he shall receive a crown of glory and a rich reward.

Yes, even the little ones too loved him and honored him. As they passed they would utter in their little innocent hearts "There goes by a good man."

Old age bowed down with even more than three score years and ten, would bow too in respect for him, and utter words: "See a just and good man passeth by."

But Dexter Edward Converse has passed away, and he is not. We may search for him or his kind, but he is not. Then can we utter in the language of the sweet Psalmist, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

By MR. JOHN B. CLEVELAND.

Mr. Converse came south when I was a boy, and I have known him since that time, and for the last twenty-five years have been intimately associated with him in business. It is very seldom that you meet a man so strong as he was. Owing to his extreme modesty, he never passed for all his worth. When analyzed his character had as little to be criticised in it as any man I have ever known. Retiring in nature, his virtues were not of the negative sort. He was too strong a man mentally, and in every other respect, to be unobserved in any community; if he had lived in New York or Chicago the result would have been the same. He would have been just as prominent there as here. His remarkable qualities were powers of concentration and organization. A big thing was just as easy to him as a little one, and he did a little thing just as thoroughly

as a big one. You have often heard of a man's doing a thing "with all his might." Mr. Converse came as near filling this description as any man I ever knew. When he got past middle life, I have often looked at him in perfect amazement; here, there and everywhere, with those broad shoulders of his apparently walking as fast as his legs. Years ago, when there was little capital in this country, and the South had little credit, I have heard him say more than once "If I just had the money." Those high qualities are respected the world over. There was another side to his nature, and to those who knew him best, he was not only respected but loved. It was his charity. I have never known him to speak ill of anyone. I never knew him to criticise anyone. I have never known him to assent to or endorse any uncharitable remark made in his presence. I have often thought that it was his charitable nature, and his sense of justice, which made him extremely conservative in religious matters.

In the organization of Converse College the principal wish, and what he insisted upon above everything else, was that it should be non-denominational. Jew and Gentile were all the same to him. Mr. Converse wanted everybody to succeed. He did not belong to that school which got up in the loft and wished to draw the ladder after them.

He took a special interest in young men, who had grown up around him, and I know it was a source of worry to him that there were a few he could not advance. Man of affairs as he was, he fully understood the importance, at times, of saying "No." He knew that it was equally as important to be just as to be generous.

Just as we were leaving the Auditorium of Converse College, last commencement, I said to him, "Mr. Converse, you have invested your money better than the rest of us." He replied heartily, "Yes, I have."

Action was the motto of Mr. Converse's life; he was never happier than when building. But a few weeks ago, meeting him on the street, with a face which more than words exhibited his feelings, he said, "I am going to tear out that wood end of Clifton No. 3, and add fifteen thousand spindles." His genius was of the constructive order. Not long ago, he said to me "I have driven my full share of nails."

Mr. Converse was never suspicious of others; his mind was too broad to suspect wrong doing or wrong intentions without justification. In fact, he was so much so that I have often wondered that he was not more imposed upon than he was.

Living to-day, there are three generations that have worked for him in some capacity around the mills. There are people living at Glendale with names as familiar to me as they were forty years ago, when I was a boy.

To appreciate the work of Mr. Converse, it must be remembered that at the time he commenced the Glendale development, the cotton mill industry was an experiment. But few of our home people had any confidence in it, and the South had no credit North; the prevailing rate of interest was ten and twelve per cent. It was much harder then to start an enterprise than it is now, and yet under the magic of his touch the mill of thirteen hundred spindles has multiplied so that the grand total is now considerably over one hundred thousand, and from a very small capital, the manufacturing interest controlled by him runs into the millions. The following letter written to me in 1880 shows at that time the confidence Mr. Converse had in the future of the cotton mill industry South, and how it has grown, and yet the benefit to the country has not only been the immediate results of his labors, but the inspiration to others which has made South Carolina the second state in the Union in this industry:

"Glendale, S. C., Feb. 16, 1880.

"Mr. J. B. Cleveland,

"DEAR FRIEND:— I see by your postal to Mr. Twichell who is now in Greenville that you are likely to succeed in getting a charter for our 'Clifton Mfg. Co.' I am glad of this and give you

credit for one point gained ahead of time on it. I too have had fair luck in my trip North in placing orders for most of the machinery we will want for first mill. This is arranged to be ready for shipment in September and October next, from Saco, Maine, one of the best shops for cotton machinery in the country. I found great activity and orders far ahead of production in all shops and prices consequently pretty stiff, but considering the high price of all material, such as iron, steel, etc., I think reasonable enough and certainly lower than they are likely to be if demand continues active as now. The advance I had to pay is about 25 per cent over prices when at their lowest depression. This advance is more than counterbalanced by the cheering outlook in all business circles and strengthens me in my faith in the success of our enterprise.

"I am glad to hear that you are getting some stock taken as more probably will be required than first contemplated, mainly owing to above considerations; besides you are aware no one can well visit those great northern industries without a certain enlargement of ideas in regard to manufacturing. So now I feel this influence urging me to planning on larger scale and at an early day for such an investment of capital at this point as will make "Clifton" the pride of our County and a credit to the State.

"For the first effort, a factory of 4,000 spindles and necessary surroundings my estimates are that we will want \$125,000; this will include many buildings and things not again needed in event of a further enlargement, so that additional increase of spindles would not be at as high ratio of cost. I am encouraged to believe we can get these spindles in operation in October next, and with present favorable outlook for several years to come of active demand for all commodities we will be able in time I trust to reap substantial results.

"You may with all safety place more stock if you have the opportunity, for be assured the capabilities of this water power and the promise of permanent success in cotton spinning South is sufficiently encouraging to all acquainted with it to call for active efforts for its development.

"I hope to make contract in a day or two with Mr. Grant of Union to begin laying rock foundation for main building—this is to be one hundred and seventy-five feet long and seventy-five wide and two stories high and will carry, whenever we see proper to fit up, six thousand spindles and consume 10 to 15 bales of cotton per day.

"Our Mr. Begg has moved over and we will break dirt to-day, put in one loud blast in solid granite bluff and wake up its sleeping valleys and echoing hills to new life and activity.

"Glendale all right and doing better now than ever before — this much to encourage you in your interest in new enterprise.

Please extend thanks to Capt. Carlisle for copy of Charter. Yours etc., etc.,

(Signed)

D. E. CONVERSE."

The best indication of Mr. Converse's worth and appreciation is probably shown by the fact that no one has ever envied him his wealth or his prosperity, and without exception, his business associates feel his loss, not merely as a "Gap in the Ranks" to be filled by the order "Close up," but is looked upon as a personal bereavement.

BY PROF. N. F. WALKER.

At the very time when the generous services and the tender and sympathetic aid of Mr. D. E. Converse for the pupils of the South Carolina institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind were at their height, came the sad and sorrowful news that death had claimed him for his own.

For more than twenty years he had been a member of the Board of Commissioners of this Institution and every pupil and every graduate realizes that they have lost a friend — a friend never too busy nor too preoccupied with business cares, to give to them generously of his valuable time and assistance.

For this reason I feel it my privilege and my duty as the superintendent and representative

of this Institution to express in words our tribute to his memory — to place on record, in behalf of the deaf and the blind of our state, an acknowledgment of the aid, guidance and love he has so faithfully given them during his connection with the school.

In 1879 he became a member of our Board of Commissioners and served continuously from that time to his death. In all these years he rendered valuable and faithful services and had always in view the welfare and prosperity of the Institution, taking at all times an active, intelligent and affectionate interest in the educational progress of the students. He was invariably the representative of the board and the co-worker of the superintendent in all buildings erected and improvements made at the Institution.

For all this he received not a penny — there was absolutely no pecuniary interest in it for him. He responded to all calls, gave up days of his busy life, and worked many hours in the interest of God's afflicted children, because he loved them.

He has gone before to meet the rewards of the good and righteous. But he can never be forgotten in this Institution. The remembrance of such nobility will never fade. In the heart of every student in this school is tenderly enshrined the memory of their friend and benefactor, Mr. D. E. Converse.

By COL. T. J. MOORE.

I first knew Mr. Converse shortly after the civil war in business relations, as he was the principal cotton buyer of this section. I was then impressed with the great superiority of the man as a man of honesty and uprightness, and doing business on business principles. On two occasions, he demonstrated that there was a man in our midst, who could swerve to his own hurt, thus demonstrating one of the characteristics of a citizen of Zion, so beautifully given by King David in the 15th Psalm. And in this connection I will add here that only yesterday, whilst discussing his character with a friend, an old Confederate commissary officer, who had charge of this division with headquarters at Spartanburg, it was stated to me that Mr. Converse was one of the very few mill men who gave no trouble in paying tithes to the government. He always seemed ready and willing to accede to any demands made upon him for cloth and yarn. So thoroughly was I impressed with his uprightness in business that I had no hesitancy in sending my cotton to his mill, no matter whether I went along or not, fully believing if any injustice were done me, he would make it right, when properly shown to him.

I have been also much impressed with the opinions expressed of him by poor people working under him. They universally speak kindly of him. I have never heard an unkind comment, which is saying a good deal.

My most intimate association with him was in the management of the state institution for the education of the deaf and dumb and the blind at Cedar Springs, where we were thrown together for nearly twenty years. My previous good opinion of him was thereby increased. His fine business qualifications were so well known that the board largely depended upon his judgment. In this position he always exhibited his great love for the unfortunates there, showed his sympathetic heart, and in many ways endeared himself to us and them. To show how he was esteemed by all I will say that he was probably the only man in the state who held an office under the old regime that survived the Reform Movement, for whilst the balance of us were displaced, he only was retained. As an agent of the state in this Institution he showed himself entirely efficient — a man of broad and liberal views, always directed to the attainment of high ends.

I regarded him as amongst the most eminent men and the most useful man that Spartanburg county ever had. As the pioneer of the cotton mill business, he started the county upon a progressive road which has brought her to a high pitch. His last great work was Converse College, of which I need not speak. I remember well that in my last interview with him Converse College was uppermost in his mind. What a pity he could not have been spared a few years to carry out

his cherished design! What a glorious crowning of his life was the founding of the College and its successful ventures in permanent establishment! It is sad to give him up, but it is a pleasure to know that his works will live for all time.

BY DR. B. F. WILSON.

Perhaps few suspected the deep religious and ethical sentiments which always dominated the life of Mr. Converse. My knowledge of him dates back to twelve years ago. He then lived at Glendale, and I was pastor of the First Presbyterian church here. He came to his town office nearly every week, and he seldom failed to stop with me in my study for an hour's conversation. He was a very thoughtful man; he thought much upon many subjects. Benevolently inclined, he was one of the most deeply religious and reverent men I ever knew. During his visits, he would nearly always introduce the subject of religion, not at all in a skeptical way, but in a reverent, believing way. There was no cant about him at all, but a deep sense of, and faith in, God, and the revelation in Christ.

His faith and trust in men was one great element of his personal success, and his influence and inspiration with others. Never in the history of the College has he ever asked where one cent of his money had gone. I frequently asked him to look over the books. His reply would be, "Oh, I don't care to do that, the money is here." He was the least suspicious of men about others. Indeed, his faith and confidence were so unquestioning, that it made those who came in close touch with him, do and be their very best, in order that they might measure up to his belief in them.

He never sought to take the lead in movements, but he led always by virtue of his own purity and strength. He was one of the most tender-hearted men I ever knew. One incident will illustrate that phase of his life. The morning after the College was burned in '92, he came up to the College grounds. Everybody was busy, and he equally so, trying to bring order out of confusion. He incidentally heard that the little daughter of the matron of the College had lost her doll babies by the fire. Her distress touched him, and moved his eyes to tears. He laid down, at once, every thing, even the thought of the fifty thousand dollar building that had been destroyed, and driving down town in the rain and sleet, bought the child another doll and brought it back to her.

He was always a man of great faith in the ultimate triumph of truth and right. The writer when feeling somewhat discouraged by the burning of the College building, mentioned the fact to Mr. Converse. He replied very promptly, but in a few words, "Don't worry, nothing good is ever destroyed."

He loved every blade of grass on the College hill, and took a deep interest in every brick laid in the buildings.

To me, he was more than a strong, wise, helpful co-worker. He was always an affectionate friend, and more than a father.

I have never heard him, in all my life, say anything unkindly of others. He was stronger than to need to do that.

We often met; we seldom talked business, it was nearly always of some religious, social or ethical truth, and it was a great pleasure to both of us to sit on the piazza in the summer evenings and to lay aside all "shop talk," and to speak freely and reverently of those things that pertain to man and to God, and to the great hereafter.

His heart and hand were open always to human needs. It seemed to me in the last few years of his life, that his great heart had become an almshouse for humanity, where the latch string hung on the outside of the door, where all who needed might open.

The short paper which appears elsewhere expresses the purpose of Mr. Converse in his own thought and sentiment, in the founding of Converse College, though it was drafted by the writer for him, and endorsed by him some time ago. He has left the College well provided for. A few

weeks before his death, standing with the writer upon the front piazza of the College, late in the evening, as the shadows began to lengthen and the curtain of night to settle down, he said it was time to go home. We had been talking for two or three hours alone, and as he reached the edge of the piazza, he stood for some moments in thought, and his mood seemed to partake of the gathering twilight of the close of day. Raising his hand, he pointed out in front of the College, saying these words: "I have one request to make of you," and he put the request in his characteristically modest way, "When I am gone, if you think I have done enough for the College, and if you think it proper, I would like to be buried on the centre of that bed." The request and the hour seemed to touch both of us. There was nothing more said, only a warm pressure of the hand, and a quiet "Good Night." I felt then, that he who had been more than a father to me, was slowly passing away.

He was a great man. Great in his purity, great in his integrity, great in his love for God and humanity, great in his charity, great in his energy, great in the sweet, affectionate influence in his home.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

BY MR. CHARLES H. CARLISLE.

The lessons to the community that may be learned in the death of a community man, such as Mr. D. E. Converse was, are many. But it is not about him as a public, active, pushing business man that I feel most disposed to speak; but rather of Mr. Converse as a friend, and when I say friend, I do not mean that mere sentiment that, like so many other things, these days, comes cheap; but of the friendship that animates and so largely directs the course of a true man's life. A man of such a principle cannot be thought of as doing little spiteful, mean, contemptible things. He may not always avoid error; he may have his "weak points," as we speak of it. Yet a man like that is not only seen in a community, he is felt. He not only resides there, he lives and acts. Such characters are not numerous, but Spartanburg has had and still has her quota. Mr. D. E. Converse was such a man. He was not an accumulator any more than he was an investor. He gathered that he might distribute again, not that he might hoard.

So, Mr. Converse was a friend; a friend to the community, a friend to the individual man and woman, to help whom, in a pinch or a crisis, was his great delight. He was a friend to the laboring man as is so magnificently exhibited in the existence today of the large population of thrifty factory operatives, where nineteen years ago there was no habitation of man scarcely to be seen. He was a friend to education; he was a friend to the struggling individuals with whom he came in contact. And when he became a friend once, he continued a friend to the end. Then, did the principle of friendship within the man manifest itself outside of him.

Of course, Mr. Converse will be greatly missed, in almost every circle of Spartanburg's life and activity and progress. And the grandest way to honor and render tribute to such men is for others to press forward to take his place in the forefront of all that is benevolent and elevating and helpful. Unless signs fail, the city of Spartanburg will in the future, as in the past, not be without such friends as D. E. Converse.

All peace and rest to a busy, active and useful life. All comfort and consolation be the portion of the sorrowing ones.

BY MESSRS. H. D. WHEAT AND J. G. WARDLAW.

Much has been well and truly said about the intelligence, prominence and general usefulness of that grand character and prince of mill men so lately deceased, but there is one side of his life not known to all and of which we wish briefly to speak. The estimate placed upon him by the simple mill folk, by the bosses, superintendents and clerks is a most touching tribute to his fairness,

kindness and justice. These people knew him thoroughly, they came in daily touch with him and all were made brighter and better by association with one whose life was inspiration, for they knew him to be good and true and noble. Although Mr. Converse had such important and varied interests in charge, he was always busy, displaying such wonderful energy and activity that few could keep up with him; yet the old men and women and even the little doffer boys knew that he could be approached, that their tale of distress or imaginary wrongs would be heard by a sympathetic listener, and many a poor creature left him carrying a substantial evidence of his kindness and generosity, or an assurance of interest and sympathy.

To many of the people about the mills he was the "old man," a term of mingled respect and affection that no other words express, meaning the recognized head of whom all were proud and all looked up to with reverence and love. He was peculiarly attached to the old families that had lived at the mills for a number of years and was zealous of their rights and privileges, often excusing to the Superintendents some infraction of rules on the part of some privileged old timer. Frequently at Christmas he was known to provide himself with an abundance of change that he might respond to "Christmas Gift" from the old people and children. Surely the numerous acts of kindness to those in need, the assistance, encouragement and sympathy extended to thousands of mill operatives will be bright stars in his crown of righteousness and glory.

BY MR. E. C. ELMORE.

The sad death of Mr. Converse is a distinct and irreparable loss to the entire South. An exemplar of the highest, noblest and purest type of patriotic citizenship, a grand philanthropist, a kind, judicious and sympathetic benefactor to those who truly merited his charities, his every heart-beat was in touch and unison with all in this life that tends to exemplify "the good, the beautiful, and the true." To those with whom he came in contact in the busy daily life of his chosen profession was he peculiarly endeared; and this is especially true of the young men in the employ of his many manufacturing establishments. For them, and indeed for all, he had ever a kind and encouraging word.

Many were his noble and timely charities, modestly and worthily bestowed, of which the world is not aware, but which are recorded above.

Oftentimes has the larder of a poor, unfortunate family been filled, and the wolf kept from the door, by his generous hand. To the churches and Sunday Schools, he gave liberally and cheerfully.

His kindly and genial presence will be sadly missed here among his people who loved him with grateful devotion.

Mr. Converse left an estate valued at from \$325,000 to \$350,000. Mrs. Helen T. Converse was made sole executrix of his will. To her, Mr. Converse bequeathed his Pine street residence and all household effects and one-third of all his estate both real and personal; to his only daughter, Miss Marie A. Converse, one-third of his estate both real and personal, not including the value of his residence property; to Converse College one-third of his estate both real and personal, but out of the third the College is to pay his nephew, O. Edgar Converse, and his niece, Louisa W. Converse, \$5,000 each, and to Edgar Bomar, son of George W. Bomar, \$500, and to the Kennedy Library \$2,000 and the half of any sum which

the citizens of Spartanburg may subscribe up to \$5,000, within two years after his death.

The following are from the October 1899 number of *The Converse Concept* published by the Carlisle and Philosophian Societies of Converse College:

OBITUARY.

April 21, 1828 — October 4, 1899.

The dark winged Messenger of Death passed over this community the afternoon of October the fourth and called to his eternal home one of our best beloved and most honored citizens, Mr. D. E. Converse. A good, pure man has gone from among us to his great reward. His place in this community, in our college, and in his home, is vacant; but to those who deeply mourn his loss he has left a goodly heritage — the influence and memory of a life well spent in doing great deeds and acts of loving kindness.

All who knew him and who are reaping the profits of his benefactions thank God that such a soul was put among us. And especially do we, who are students of this great institution, which his generosity has made possible, bow our heads in reverence at the mention of his name.

His was a pure noble life, given to the world to make it better. In the all-wise providence of God his life was taken, but the benediction which it brought will always dwell among us. God doeth all things well.

THE DEBT WE OWE.

Converse College is loved by us, the students, next to our homes; and none know better than we Mr. Converse's noble purpose in founding the institution.

Few men live to see the fruits of their benevolence — not so with our founder. It was his pleasure to give large gifts to the College, for he knew they were for the promotion of culture and higher education of women in the South — the land of his adoption.

The total amount of his gifts was exceeded two-fold by heart and interest. He was never happier than when supplying our wants — the wants of careless, merry school girls. He delighted to see us roaming over the beautiful campus, and whenever he came to the College we, who were daily profiting by his generosity and benevolence, were well assured of a courteous bow, a genial smile and occasional word.

Can we ever lift the debt we owe? Does it not seem impossible to do anything to repay the bounteous grace we have received from his kind hand?

Can we not become high-minded, pure, cultured young women, and press forward toward Mr. Converse's ideal of womanhood? Can we not place Converse College the foremost Institution in the South, not only of learning, but of refinement and that higher culture which is now so earnestly sought for?

Each one of us should in some way continue the noble life-work he began, and let Converse College ever be worthy of the high, unsullied name she bears!

As founder, benefactor, director and friend, Mr. Converse's relations were always the same — that of an unostentatious man; broad-minded, public-spirited, tender-hearted and sympathetic.

“A man more pure and bold and just
Was never born into the earth.”

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, In the Providence of God, with whom are the issues of life and death, there has been taken from us one, who, for many years, has been our beloved and honored benefactor, Mr. D. E. Converse; and,

Whereas, By his death, Converse College has lost a loyal supporter, and the State a worthy and exemplary citizen; be it

Resolved, That we, the students of Converse College, recognize the irreparable loss sustained by the decease of this Christian gentleman, who at all times was ready to contribute his time and talents to our interests, was constantly instilling, by his example and precept, the highest ideals of life, the truest incentives to culture and Godliness; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer to the bereaved family our heartfelt condolence and sympathy, and pray that God may enable them to glorify Him in all their trials.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be inserted in The Concept and a copy be sent to the sorrowing family.

COMMITTEE.

One who had known him for years speaks thus of his character: “Noble as has been his record as a benefactor, successful as has been his career as a business man, he reached the most exalted place in the estimation of those who knew him through the singular purity and nobleness of his nature. His thoughts and impulses were always charitable. There was nothing unfair or small about him; he was the honourable, courteous gentleman to all classes of men and scrupulously gave every man his due. If it was making a contract for the laying of brick he paid a just price, never beating a man down to the lowest possible cent, preferring always to deal liberally. High toned, conscientious, temperate, free from arrogance, he was most honored and best loved by those who knew him best.

“Since his return from Europe a year or two ago, Mr. Converse had steadily declined in health until the fourth of October when he passed away. His years were marked not so much by great events as by great deeds. Through a friendly grasp of the hand and a cheery smile, which he knew so well how to give, as well



Mrs. Marie Alberta (Converse)
Downes.

as through his material gifts, he revealed his love for his fellow-men. His well-spent, useful life drew gently to its close, as peacefully as the setting sun

“And all the glories of the west
Are dark beside his dreams of rest.”

*Children of Dexter Edgar and Helen Antoinette
(Twichell) Converse:*

A SON,⁹ born 1871; died in infancy.

MARIE ALBERTA CONVERSE,⁹ born in Charleston, S. C., 4 July 1875; married, in Spartanburg, 17 April 1901, Dr. William Augustus Downes. They resided in 1903 at The Iroquois, 49 W. 44th St., New York City. One daughter:

HELEN CONVERSE DOWNES,¹⁰ b. 8 Feb. 1903.

410. FRANCIS GARDNER CONVERSE⁸ (*Orlin*⁷ (238), *Pain*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 12 February 1831; died in Bridport, Vt., 28 September 1900; married, 11 January 1868, Emeline Susan Wicker, daughter of Charles Augustus and Adaline Wicker.

Early thrown upon his own resources by the death of his father, he accompanied his mother to her new home when she married Ira Wicker of Bridport, but was obliged to provide for himself. He, therefore, early learned the lesson, which, in later years, proved of so much benefit to him. He worked for farmers in Bridport and adjoining towns, saving his wages, always with a determination to possess a farm of his own some day. Early in the sixties he bought his step-father's old home, and, from time to time, added to it, until he owned several hundred acres of the best farming land in the Champlain Valley. Besides this and many other business connections in his own town, he was a stockholder in the Clifton Manufacturing Company, Clifton, S. C., The D. E. Converse Company, Glendale, S. C., and The Tucapan Manufacturing Company, Wellford, S. C. He held many offices within the gift of his townspeople, and was a member of the State Legislature in 1888. He was a staunch Republican with respect to both National and State issues.

The following obituary notice is from Middlebury, Vt., *Register*, 5 October 1900.

There are some lives which really need no comment. Open as the day, true as the sun, they reveal to all observers the nobility of the heart. But those who know them well love to offer tribute to their memory. Such a life was the one just gone from our midst. Left fatherless at an early age, he grasped the situation manfully. With tireless energy and rare judgment, he worked himself up to a position of influence. Scorning deceit, upholding the right, steadfast in purpose,

his character was one of quiet, rugged strength, that resembled the grand old hills around him.

He had a deep respect for sincere piety, and was always ready to do his part towards maintaining religious institutions. His regard for mental attainments was proved by the lavish way in which he spent money for the education of his children. During a severe illness of nearly four weeks, his patience and thoughtfulness for others were something remarkable.

The funeral was largely attended from his late residence, Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 2. Everything had been done that loving hands could do. Rev. W. N. Bacon offered words of comfort, those who knew him well voiced their tender sympathy in song, and then along the way he had passed so many times, they bore him to his well earned rest.

He leaves a widow, Emeline Wicker Converse, and two children, Orlie E. and Louise M. Converse.

Frank G. Converse will not be forgotten. His name will be spoken kindly. His virtues will be emulated.

"Lay him low, his work is done,
Leave him to the Hand that made him.
Human love is powerless now,
God's dear love alone can aid him.
Lay him low, lay him low,
Where the autumn breezes blow;
One whose mercy never fails
Willed it so." O. R.

Great interest was taken by Mr. Converse in the preparation of this book of genealogy. Much time and labor were devoted by him to collection of genealogical data of descendants of Capt. Pain Convers, and to his efforts is largely due the production of so complete a record of that branch of the family.

Children of Francis Gardner and Emeline Susan (Wicker) Converse:

ORLIN EDGAR CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 Sept. 1871; married, 5 June 1895, Gertrude Sophia Witherell, daughter of John H. and Annia (Sollace) Witherell of Bridport.

One son:

STANLEY WITHERELL CONVERSE,¹⁰ b. 11 Sept. 1898.

ALBERT A. CONVERSE,⁹ born 9 July 1873; died 29 Dec. 1873.

LOUISE MARIE CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 May 1875; was graduated at Saxton's River Academy, Saxton's River, Vt.; a student in Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in class of 1901.

HELEN TWICHELL CONVERSE,⁹ born 25 May 1879; died 5 Jan. 1880.

411. CYRUS CONVERSE⁸ (*Henry Green*⁷ (241), *Gardner*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Panton, Vt., 7 September 1835; when about a year old, removed with his father to Bridport, Vt.,

where he resided thirty years. He then removed to High Forest, Minn., where he has since resided. He has been engaged in farming most of his life. He was made a Master Mason in High Forest Lodge, No. 85, 2 November 1870, and, up to 1900, had been Master of his lodge for twelve years. He was married in Ticonderoga, N. Y., 21 January 1859, by Rev. Hibberd Ingalls, to Lucinda Elizabeth Gibbs, who was born in Ticonderoga, 23 January 1834; died in High Forest, 28 February 1897, daughter of David Stoddard and Louise (Derby) Gibbs. With the exception of their oldest daughter, the children of Cyrus and Lucinda Elizabeth (Gibbs) Converse live near them in High Forest.

Children:

- HATTIE ESTELLE CONVERSE**,⁹ born in Bridport, Vt., 27 Oct. 1863; married, in High Forest, 15 May 1883, Edward Ephraim McClure, born in Pennsylvania. His father, John McClure, died in St. Paul, Minn., in the fall of 1897. His mother was Samantha Gearheart; she now (1900) resides in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ephraim McClure now (1900) reside in Ballard, Wash.
- MARY AGNES CONVERSE**,⁹ born, in High Forest, 4 July 1865; married, in High Forest, 1 May 1887, to Frank Edwin Dean, born in Dodge County, Minn., 18 Oct. 1862. His father is Silas H. Dean, who now (1900) lives at Grenola, Elk Co., Kan. His mother, Mary Elisabeth (Sherwin) Dean, died in Wells, Minn., in 1869.
- HENRY DAVID CONVERSE**,⁹ born, in High Forest, 20 May 1867; married Myrtie Emeline Wood, sister of his sister's husband, 13 Oct. 1897. She was born, in High Forest, 12 Nov. 1875, daughter of William Wood of High Forest. Her mother, Mary Emeline (Hall) Wood, died 28 Nov. 1899.
- LENA LYON CONVERSE**,⁹ born, in High Forest, 24 Dec. 1871; married, in High Forest, 23 Aug. 1893, Henry Wallace Wood, born in Rock Dell, Minn., 27 March 1870, son of William and Mary Emeline (Hall) Wood.

Ninth Generation.

412. WILLARD ENOCH CONVERSE⁹ (*Willard*⁸(244), *Amasa*,⁷ *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Marlborough, N. H., 2 December 1840; received common-school education; left home at the age of eighteen years, and lived at West Union, Ia., where he worked on a farm in summer, and attended select High School in winter. He enlisted 11 August 1862, for a term of three years, as a private in Co. G, 38th Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the summer of 1863. Soon after the surrender of the city he was taken sick and was removed to New Orleans, where he died, in the hospital, 11 August 1863. His remains were buried in Chalmette National Cemetery. He married in West Union, Ia., 7 September 1861, Charlotte Smith, who was born in Battle Creek, Mich., 3 April 1844. Her parents, Floyd and Eliza Ann (Hoag) Smith, lived in West Union, Ia., approximately from 1855 to 1875. They removed thence to Beloit, Kan., and from the latter place to Thomas Co., Kan., where Floyd Smith died in 1886.

Child of Willard Enoch and Charlotte (Smith) Converse:

HANNAH CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 27 July 1862; married in Sumner, Ia., 30 Sept. 1883, to John Hancock Tower, son of Thomas Wetherby and Anna (Lester) Tower. The marriage ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Thomas Wetherby Tower, J. P., who, for many years, resided at Mt. Sterling, Wis. Mrs. Hannah (Converse) Tower has for many years resided at Sutton, Neb. Children:

EDNA GERTRUDE TOWER,¹¹ b. 18 Aug. 1884.

LA VERE CHARLOTTE TOWER,¹¹ b. 2 Nov. 1887.

ANNA MARIE TOWER,¹¹ b. 26 Aug. 1894.

413. SAMUEL AMBROSE CONVERSE⁹ (*Willard*⁸(244), *Amasa*,⁷ *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Marlborough, N. H., 3 January 1843; received a common-school education, and, in addition thereto, devoted several winters to study and reading at home. In the winter of 1860 and 1861, he taught the first winter school ever kept in the Bohemian settlement in the western part of Sumner Township, Winnesheik Co., Ia. The school house was a vacant stone dwelling house, of one large room. The only floor was the earth, packed hard and smooth. The floor overhead was made of

flat, split rails, covered smoothly with clay dug from a bank near by. During the next four years, he taught three terms of district school. At Freeport, Win-



Samuel Ambrose Converse.



Mrs. Ellen (Munson) Converse.

nesheik Co., Ia., on 4 June 1867, I. G. West, Esq., officiating, he was married to Ellen Munson, daughter of Melkior and Martha Munson.



Residence of Samuel Ambrose Converse, Cresco, Iowa, built in 1901.

He has followed the occupation of farming and stock raising, making a specialty of breeding registered red polled cattle. He resided in Sumner Township, Winnesheik Co., Ia., until 1880, when he moved two miles to a farm of about one thousand acres in New Oregon Township, Howard County. Here he built a house, barns, and other buildings, and made his home until 1889, when he purchased an improved farm of 530 acres one mile from Cresco, Howard Co., Ia., and took up his residence there. In 1887, he made a voyage to England, and imported twenty three head of red polls, and for about ten years owned the largest herd of this breed in America. At the Chicago International, in 1901, the largest live



Farm buildings on stock farm of Samuel Ambrose Converse, one and a half miles from Cresco, Iowa, showing also a part of his famous breed of pure red polled cattle.

stock show ever held, his cattle won first premium and championship on aged bull as well as many lesser prizes. In April, 1902, Mr. Converse made another voyage to England, and returned with twenty one head of cattle.

The 20th of January 1872, Mr. Converse joined the Grange, or Patrons of Husbandry, and, on 26 December, was elected Worthy Master of Agricola Grange at Cresco, Ia., serving two terms. In January 1876, he was appointed District Deputy for organizing Granges, and installing officers.

About 1882, he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cresco Lodge,

No. 269; and has filled all the different chairs at various times by election, always remaining an active member.

In 1884, he joined the order of Knights of Pythias, and, in 1886, was chosen Chancellor Commander of Cresco Lodge, No. 118. In 1900, the Cresco Lodge re-organized, and he was chosen Chancellor Commander for two successive terms.

He was elected a member of the State Legislature for the term of 1884-85; was re-elected for the term of 1886-87; and was appointed Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means. He was elected to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, serving in the term of 1888. In 1884, he was appointed by Gov. Buren R. Sherman of Iowa, as Honorary Commissioner for the Fourth Congressional District,



Farm scene showing pasture and a part of the herd of red polled cattle, on farm of Samuel Ambrose Converse, near Cresco, Howard County, Iowa.

to the World's Fair at New Orleans, and did active work in securing the district's representation at New Orleans.

In 1890, Mr. Converse was one of the incorporators and for five years was a director of the Alliance Mercantile Association, of Cresco, which, ever since its organization, has been doing a successful co-operative business. In 1890, he was one of the incorporators of the Mutual Fire and Lightning Association of Howard and Winnesheik counties carrying two million dollars of farm insurance. He has been its president and adjuster of losses ever since its organization.

In 1893, he was one of the incorporators of the First National Bank of Cresco, and has, ever since, been its president.

Ellen (Munson) Converse, born the 28th of September 1849, at Laeredale, near Christiana, Norway, came with her parents to America at the age of six years. She lived with her parents near Vermillion, S. D., from 1861 to 1865 when the uprising of the Sioux Indians drove most of the settlers from their homes. Mr. Munson remained on his claim, until, learning that a family of eight persons, only seven miles distant, had all been massacred, he decided to flee for safety. With an ox team and wagon their only means of conveyance, they took what little household goods they had, and in the night, started for Sioux City, fifty miles distant. Six of the children were in this flight. The hardships and anxieties of such a journey need not be recounted. The family made their way back, and settled near Saude, in Chickasaw County, Iowa. Here the parents of Mrs. Converse, Melkior and Martha Munson, died, he in 1893, and she in 1899. Both were buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery at Saude.



Myron Beecher Converse. Arthur Blaine Converse.
Willard Lincoln Converse. Samuel Ambrose Converse. Charles Crozat Converse.

Children of Samuel Ambrose and Ellen (Munson) Converse:

ABBIE JANE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born on the farm in Sumner Township, Winnesheik County, Ia., 24 June 1868; attended district school, and also took a course of study in the Cresco High School. After teaching a few terms of district school, she took a course of study in Curtis Commercial College at Minneapolis, after which she taught stenog-

raphy and type-writing in that college. Subsequently she was employed as stenographer by a Minneapolis firm and later by a firm at Cresco, Ia. In 1895, she was appointed Assistant Cashier of The First National Bank of Cresco and, in 1899, was appointed Cashier of the same bank, which position she now (1902) occupies. She is an active member of the First Congregational Church of Cresco, and is a teacher in its Sunday School. For several years, she has been County Agent of the Iowa Children's Home Society, of Des Moines.

WILLARD LINCOLN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Sumner Township, 26 March 1870; married Eva Mary Kleckner. (470)

MABEL MARIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 13 Feb. 1874; died 14 Feb. 1874.

MYRON BEECHER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Sumner Township, 31 Aug. 1875; married Clara Susan Frost. (471)

CHARLES CROZAT CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Sumner Township, 20 May 1878; was graduated

from Cresco High School in 1895. He spent two years working on his father's farm, and four months teaching district school; was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1901, with the degree of Ph.B.; member of Phi Delta Phi fraternity, Zetagathian Literary, and Die Germania; in Senior year, ranking captain of cadet battalion; one of the three students who represented the Debating League of the University in the annual debate with the University of Wisconsin, in 1901. In that year he was also enrolled in the Law Department of the University, and spent four months of the following year there. In the summer of 1902 he entered into partnership with J. C. Monnet, for the practice of law at Cando, N. D., under the firm name of Monnet & Converse. He joined the Congregational Church of Cresco in 1897. He became a member of Cresco Lodge 269, I.O.O.F., in 1902.



Ruth Marlon Converse.
Abbie Jane Converse. Clara Ellen Converse.
Mrs. Ellen (Munson) Converse.

CLARA ELLEN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born on the family farm, in New Oregon Township, Howard County, Ia., 15 April 1881; attended district school and Cresco High School; was graduated from the latter in 1898; since then she has resided with her parents in Cresco. She joined the First Congregational Church in 1897.

ARTHUR BLAINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Cresco, 25 Nov. 1884; attended public schools of Cresco, working on his father's farm during vacations; now (1902) a pupil in the Cresco High School, in class of 1903.

RAY SAMUEL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 1 July 1890; died 15 Oct. 1890.

RUTH MARION CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Cresco, 26 June 1892; pupil in Cresco public schools.

414. GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVERSE⁹ (*Willard*⁸(244), *Amasa*,⁷ *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, 17 December 1847, in Marlborough, N. H. He received a common-school education, and taught district school in 1869. He was married at Conover, Ia., 1 January 1870, to Mary Ellen Blood, daughter of David Wilder and Ida (Streeth) Blood. David Wilder Blood resided in New Oregon Township, Howard Co., Ia., and died there about January 1867. Mary Ellen (Blood) Converse died near Cresco, 5 January 1873, and was buried in the German Lutheran Cemetery in Lincoln Township, Winnesheik Co., Ia. George Washington Converse removed, in the spring of 1873, to California, where he married a second time about February 1874. In the summer of 1884 he was married the third time. His three surviving children are as follows:

Child of first wife:

CHARLES WILLARD CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in New Oregon Township, Howard County, Ia., 14 June 1872. He was brought up by his grandmother Blood. At about eight years of age he removed with her to Cloverdale, Oregon, and moved in June 1884 to Forest Grove, Oregon. He attended district school and helped his uncle clear wooded land. At about 18 years of age he was converted and was baptized. In 1890, he removed to Carleton, Oregon, where he attended school, and devoted all spare time to work in his uncle's machine shop. At Carleton, Oregon, he joined the Baptist Church. In 1895, he taught district school, having entered McMinnville College in the autumn of 1894. He was graduated from that institution in 1898, with the degree of B.L. He earned his way through college, and was an active member of the Phibigian Literary Society. He was one of the organizers and President of the college athletic society, and a member of the college Y.M.C.A. On graduation he was called as Assistant Professor of Latin and Mathematics in his Alma Mater. After two years, he resigned from this position to take work at the State University at Eugene. In 1899 he was licensed to preach, and that summer spent three months at Chicago University, studying German and Physics. In 1900, he took up a course of study in the Oregon University for a higher degree, and is now (1902) pursuing this study and working as chief engineer of the electric light, power, and heating plant. He was married in Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon, by Rev. E. Northup, 11 Sept. 1900, to Delia Joan Baxter, daughter of Samuel Riddle and Nancy Dent (Comegy) Baxter.

Child of second wife:

WILLARD R. CONVERSE,¹⁰ born about 1875; now (1902) on Naval Training Ship Iowa, on a trip around the world.

Child of third wife:

LUCRETIA LOUISE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 20 Feb. 1889; resides with her step-father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spangler, at Adair, Ia.

415. HIRAM SIBLEY CONVERSE⁹ (*Sibley*⁸(246), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 19 January 1830; residence Oxford, Mass.; farmer; member Oxford Agricultural Society; married by Rev. O. H. Tillotson, Universalist minister, at Worcester, 1 October 1857, to Delia Augusta Moffitt, of Oxford, born 6 May 1834, died 3 March 1892; buried in North Cemetery, Oxford. She was daughter of Sumner and Delia Augusta (Bridges) Moffitt of Oxford.

Children of Hiram Sibley and Delia Augusta (Moffitt) Converse:

MYRA ESTHER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 25 Jan. 1860; married by Rev. John J. Miller, in Worcester, 28 Feb. 1882, to Joseph Henry Willard of Worcester, son of James and Parthenia Willard of Sterling, Mass.

WILLIS SIBLEY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Oxford, Mass., 4 Sept. 1861; died there 6 June 1862.

LENA AUGUSTA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Leicester, 16 Aug. 1868; died in Worcester 6 Sept. 1896; married by Rev. John B. Frost of Oxford, Mass., 9 Sept. 1886, to Edward H. Parker, of Worcester, Mass., who is superintendent of a wire mill in Yonkers, N. Y., son of Henry and Mary (Brown) Parker of Worcester, Mass. Children:

MYRTIS IDELLA PARKER,¹¹ b. in Oxford, Mass., 6 Aug. 1887.

EDWARD HAROLD PARKER,¹¹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 11 Feb. 1894.

LENA AUGUSTA PARKER,¹¹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 12 Aug. 1896; d. there 16 Sept. 1896; buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester.

LESTER SIBLEY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Oxford, Mass., 19 Aug. 1874; member Oxford Agricultural Society; married in Webster, Mass., by Rev. T. T. Filiner, 17 Oct. 1900, to Annie Dudley, born in Douglass, Mass., daughter of Charles and Ann (Leonard) Dudley, of Webster. Lester Sibley and Annie (Dudley) Converse have one child

— EDITH MARY CONVERSE,¹¹ b. in Oxford, Mass., 1901.

416. CYNTHIA PARKER CONVERSE⁹ (*Sibley*⁸(246), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 11 March 1832; died 24 June 1901; buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She married, first, 12 April 1853, Isaac Patrick Clark of South Hadley, Mass., who was born 30 May 1830, died 17 September 1854, son of Isaac S. Clark. She married, second, December 1858, Benjamin Cheever, born 5 August 1829, died in Charlton, Mass., 9 March 1886, buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer, Mass., son of

Joseph Cheever of Spencer. She married, third, in November 1868, Daniel Dunbar Haven of Leicester, born in Caroline, N. Y., 30 April 1822, son of Artemas and Mary (Dunbar) Haven of Leicester.

Children by second marriage:

MARY CONVERSE CHEEVER,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 3 Aug. 1859; member M. E. Church; married by Rev. C. H. Rogers, M. E., of Worcester, Mass., 17 Jan. 1883, to Arthur Leroy Tainter of Worcester, born June 1858, son of Carver and Emily (Capron) Tainter. He is a member of the M. E. Church. Children, born in Worcester:

ETHEL MAY TAINTER,¹¹ b. 5 May 1884.

ELROY ARTHUR TAINTER,¹¹ b. 19 June 1886.

DELLA ANNA CHEEVER,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 1 Feb. 1862.

FRANK LORIN CHEEVER,¹⁰ born in Charlton, Mass., 11 Aug. 1863; married, 1886, Lottie Pierce of Rutland, Mass., daughter of Andrew and Eunice Pierce.

417. GEORGE CASSENDEN CONVERSE⁹ (*Sibley*⁸(246), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 29 December 1837; died in Brookfield, Mass., 13 April 1899; educated in Leicester public schools. He was employed for several years in the manufacture of boots; later, he was engaged in the lumber and box business; and finally engaged in the retail shoe business. Notable in his work were his understanding and application of machinery. His patents on machinery for making boots, and his improvements in machines for the manufacture of hosiery, became of value to those trades, although he himself derived little profit from them. He was respected by all for his uprightness and sincerity. He was married in Spencer, Mass., by Rev. James Cruikshanks, of Spencer, 30 May 1865, to Lucy Bemis, daughter of Cheney and Martha (Howe) Bemis.

Children:

MYRON SIBLEY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Leicester, Mass., 21 Dec. 1868; died there 28 Aug. 1869.

VERNON GEORGE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Leicester, Mass., 26 April 1871; married Evelyn Evans. (472)

418. MARY CONVERSE⁹ (*Sibley*⁸(246), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 6 December 1839; married by Rev. Mr. Estes, 29 May 1861, to John Emmons Ball, son of Isaac and Amanda Ball of Leicester, Mass. They reside in Worcester, Mass., and are members of the Congregational Church, as are also their four children.

Children:

ADA LORETTA BALL,¹⁰ born in Leicester, Mass., 23 Feb. 1864; educated in public schools and at Leicester Academy.

LOTTIE LOUISE BALL,¹⁰ born in Leicester, Mass., 22 June 1867; educated in public and normal schools of Worcester.

HATTIE MAY BALL,¹⁰ born in Millbury, Mass., 25 May 1871; died 29 March 1899; buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.; married, by Rev. Mr. Wilcox of Worcester, 18 May 1897, to Charles Abbott Newton, of Worcester, son of Charles H. and Mehitabel (Abbott) Newton of Worcester. One daughter:

DOROTHY NEWTON,¹¹ b. 20 March 1899; d. 25 Sept. 1900.

MARY EVA BALL,¹⁰ born in Sutton, Mass., 12 June 1879; was graduated from Worcester, Mass., English High School, in class of 1897, of which she was valedictorian.

419. HARRISON CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter*⁸(247), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 22 December 1828; married in Worcester, Mass., by Rev. Dr. John G. Adams, 24 October 1854, to Barbara Ann Fuller, born in Albion, R. I., 25 September 1831. She was a member of the Congregational Church. She died 13 September 1891, and was buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass. Her father, James Fuller, of Worcester, was born in Savory, R. I., in 1798. Her mother was Susan Maria Montgomery, born in Sterling, Conn., in 1800.

Daughter of Harrison and Barbara Ann (Fuller) Converse:

HARRIET MARIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Worcester, Mass., 10 Oct. 1857; died there 23 April 1887; buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. She was married by Rev. C. M. Lamson, Congregational minister, to William F. Bruton, designer, of New York City, who died in New York City in 1885, and was buried there. Children:

HARRY WILLIAM BRUTON,¹¹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 28 June 1880; residence, Alameda, Cal.

FLORENCE ISABELLE BRUTON,¹¹ b. in Jersey City, N. J., 10 Oct. 1883; residence, Nashville, Tenn.; adopted by Mrs. Bruton, her father's sister-in-law.

420. LUMAN DEXTER CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter*⁸(247), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Mass., 12 November 1830; married, by Rev. C. M. Lamson, of Worcester, Mass., 7 February 1855, to Henrietta Whitney, born in West Boylston, Mass., 27 February 1838, died in Worcester, Mass., 31 December 1900, buried in West Boylston, Mass.

Children:

WALTER EMERSON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Worcester, Mass., 22 Dec. 1856; residence, Boston Mass.

FRANK HERBERT CONVERSE¹⁰ born in Worcester, Mass., 2 April 1860; died there 7 May 1896; buried in W. Boylston, Mass.

ADA ADELLA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 13 Nov. 1862; married, 20 April 1898, Wilbert Caleb Healy, of Worcester, Mass.; engraver and electrotyper; residence, Worcester, Mass. No children.

LILLIAN CORA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 6 Feb. 1865; stenographer; residence, Colorado Springs, Col.

421. MARIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter⁸(247), Willard,⁷ Daniel,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Charlton, Mass., 31 July 1832; died in Webster, Mass., 11 September 1899; buried at Oxford Gore, Mass. She was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and an earnest worker therein. She was married, by Addison Denny, Esq., of Leicester, Mass., 3 June 1852, to Elbridge Gerry Lamb, who was born in Leicester, Mass., 25 May 1830, son of Liberty and Harriet Ann (Stone) Lamb, of Oxford Gore. He died in Webster, Mass., 11 February 1882; buried in Oxford Gore. Mr. Lamb was employed for several years in the boot factory, and resided in Leicester, Mass., until about 1868, when he removed to Webster, Mass., where he was employed, first in his brother's dry-goods store, and subsequently by a sewing machine company.

Children of Elbridge Gerry and Mary Elizabeth (Converse) Lamb:

FLORA AUGUSTA LAMB,¹⁰ born in Oxford Gore, 12 March 1853; a graduate of Webster High School; before marriage a teacher for several years; member Universalist Church and an earnest worker therein; member Rebecca Lodge; married in Webster, Mass., by Rev. Mr. Howard (P. E.), 4 May 1876, to Owen Augustus Bigelow, born in Webster, Mass., 2 June 1847; a graduate of Webster High School, and an Odd Fellow. His father, Charles Nathan Bigelow, was born in Montpelier, Vt., 3 Feb. 1802. His mother was Orill Talbot, born in Thompson, Conn., 28 Nov. 1809. One son:

RALPH ELBRIDGE BIGELOW,¹¹ b. in Webster, Mass., 28 March 1881; d. there 26 May 1882; buried at Oxford Gore, Mass.

IDA MAY LAMB,¹⁰ born in Oxford Gore, Mass., 28 Sept. 1856; married by Rev. L. C. Stewardson (P. E.) 11 Nov. 1883, to Leon Jillson, who was born in Attleboro, Mass., 12 July 1852, son of William Henry and Emily (Bullard) Jillson, of Webster, Mass. Both were graduated from the Webster High School; they reside in Webster. Mr. Jillson is an Odd Fellow. Mrs. Jillson is a member of the P. E. Church.

JOSHUA ELBRIDGE LAMB,¹⁰ born in Rochdale, Mass., 16 Aug. 1860; died there 2 Oct. 1860; buried in Oxford Gore, Mass.

422. EDMUND CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter⁸(247), Willard,⁷ Daniel,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Spencer, Mass., 3 February 1834. He is proprietor of Worcester Ferrule and Manufacturing Company, 100 Beacon Street, Worcester, Mass., which manufactures all kinds of sheet metal goods under power presses. He married, first, 3 November 1866, Elizabeth Brown, born in Oxford, Mass., 14 April 1834, died 15 June 1869; buried in Rural Cemetery, Worcester, Mass. Mr. Converse married, second, 1 August 1872, Elizabeth Mary Stone, born in Oxford, Mass., 4 June 1846, died 14 August 1895, buried in Rural Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.

Children of Edmund and Elizabeth Mary (Stone) Converse, born in Worcester, Mass.:

EVA MARY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 2 Oct. 1873; educated in Worcester public schools, and at Andover, Mass.; afterwards she studied to fit herself as a Kindergarten teacher.

EDITH LIZZIE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 27 March 1875; died 2 April 1876; buried in Rural Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.

423. CAROLINE AMANDA CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter*⁸(247), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Mass., 12 January 1838; married in Worcester, Mass., by Rev. E. M. Hagar, (Protestant Episcopal), 11 October 1860, to Adelbert Thayer Darling, farmer. He was educated in Charlton public schools and in Warren High School. He is son of Peter and Sarah (Thayer) Darling, of Charlton. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert T. Darling lived in Leicester, Mass., from 1860 to 1863; then resided in Charlton until 1874, when they removed to Warren, Mass., where they have a farm of 140 acres in South Warren. They are members of the Farmers' Club. Mr. Darling has been Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for four years to 1902.

Children:

WALTER ADELBERT DARLING,¹⁰ born in Charlton, Mass., 10 June 1865; educated in Warren, Mass., public schools; married by Rev. David Moise, in Warren, 18 May 1892, to Mary Mack of Warren.

CARMILETA ADDIE DARLING,¹⁰ born in Charlton, Mass., 25 March 1867; educated in Warren, Mass., public schools; married by Rev. O. S. Darling, Universalist, 9 Nov. 1887, to William Herbert Cowee of Warren.

424. REBECCA ANNE CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter*⁸(247), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 17 April 1840; member Spencer, Mass., Universalist Church. The full and complete record herein of the descendants of Daniel Converse⁶ is the result of her efforts. Thanks are due her for much patient toil required therefor, extending through many months, and involving much correspondence. She was married, by Rev. J. G. Adams, Universalist Minister of Worcester, Mass., 15 October 1859, to Warren Jonas Livermore, born in Royalston, Mass., 5 January 1836, son of Winthrop and Louise (Bemis) Livermore. Mr. Livermore was educated in Spencer, Mass., public schools. He is a member of Spencer Masonic Lodge. He was a lumber dealer and box maker until 1892; he is now (1902) interested in cranberry growing on the Cape.

Daughter of Warren Jonas and Rebecca Anne (Converse) Livermore:

CORA JEANNETTE LIVERMORE,¹⁰ born in Spencer, Mass., 13 Aug. 1861; graduated from Spencer High School in 1880, and from Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., in 1882;

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married by Rev. F. A. Biabee (Universalist) 2 Oct. 1883, to James Henry West, of Boston, Mass., publisher in Boston. Mr. West was born in Melrose, Mass., 13 Jan. 1856, son of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) West. Children:

GENEVA WEST,¹¹ b. in Geneva, Ill., 29 Aug. 1884.

RHOBE WEST,¹⁴ b. in Geneva, Ill., 27 Aug. 1887.

BEATRICE WEST,¹¹ b. in Dorchester, Mass., 20 Dec. 1888.

425. MARY ELLA CONVERSE⁹ (*Dexter*⁸ (247), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 30 June 1852; married in Spencer by Rev. Avery S. Walker, then Pastor of the Congregational Church in that town, 3 December 1877, to Charles Henry Green, born in Spencer, Mass., 4 June 1854, son of Henry Reuben and Mary Frances (Fogg) Green, of Spencer. Mrs. Green was from Thomaston, Me. Mary Ella Converse was educated in Spencer, Mass., public schools. She is a member of Spencer Congregational Church; member Stella Chapter Order Eastern Star, Worcester, Mass.; Vice President Spencer Monday Club. Charles Henry Green was educated in Spencer public schools. From 1876 to 1892 he was a member of the firm of Josiah Green & Co. of Spencer, manufacturers of boots. He is a trustee of Spencer Savings Bank. He is Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Good Will Lodge, I.O.O.F.; Moose Hill Encampment, I.O.O.F., of Spencer; Royal Arcanum, and also of Stella Chapter Order Eastern Star, Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Green now (1902) reside in Boston, Mass.

Children, born in Spencer:

CARLTON FRANCIS GREEN,¹⁰ born 10 May 1881; member Spencer Congregational Church; student in metallurgy and mining engineering in Mass. Institute of Technology, Boston, in class of 1903.

LESLIE CHARLES GREEN,¹⁰ born 2 Nov. 1883; died 12 Aug. 1884.

HERBERT HENRY GREEN,¹⁰ born 13 Dec. 1884; student in Spencer High School 1902.

SYBIL CAROLINE GREEN,¹⁰ born 22 Aug. 1889.

MARION ELLA GREEN,¹⁰ born 2 Dec. 1891.

426. FREDERIC SAMUEL CONVERSE⁹ (*Brigham*⁸ (249), *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Worcester, Mass., 5 August 1849; died 13 May 1901; buried in Worcester Rural Cemetery. He was educated in Worcester public schools, as were also his children. He was married, by Rev. C. M. Lamson (Congregational) of Worcester, 26 September 1872, to Mary Chapin Bond, who was born in Boylston, Mass., 23 January 1850, daughter of Joseph Eliot and Julia Ann Bond, later of Worcester, Mass. Fred-eric S. Converse was a member of Worcester Agricultural Society.

Children:

- CLARA AUGUSTA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 20 Feb. 1875; died 27 May 1876.
 MYRON FREDERICK CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 27 Nov. 1876; attended Beckers Business College, and now has a position in Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is the Treasurer of the Sunday School.
 EVA JULIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 27 Sept. 1878; died 30 Sept. 1879.
 WALTER HENRY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 21 March 1881; died 17 Aug. 1881.
 MABEL LOUISE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 18 Aug. 1882.
 MINNIE FRANCES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 15 Dec. 1884; died 29 July 1886.
 FANNIE BOND CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 5 Oct. 1888.

427. ELIZABETH PUTNAM CONVERSE⁹ (*Brigham⁸(249), Willard,⁷ Daniel,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Worcester, Mass., 30 June 1851; resided there until marriage. She received education in Worcester schools. He has been a member of Worcester Grange, No. 22, since 9 February 1874. After marriage she resided in West Boylston, Mass. After her husband's death she resided in Worcester, Mass. She was married, in Worcester, by Rev. Charles M. Lamson, 16 April 1878, to Joseph Emmons Goodell, born in West Boylston, Mass., 26 January 1846; died 30 May 1900, son of Gardner E. and Harriet (Thompson) Goodell, of West Boylston, Mass. Mr. Goodell was a farmer; he always resided in West Boylston. He was for several years Treasurer of West Boylston Congregational Church, and, for many years, was a trustee of the Worcester County Agricultural Society, a trustee of Worcester East Agricultural Society, and member of Worcester Grange. At different times he was Lecturer, Overseer, and Master of Worcester Grange, and was State Deputy thereof at the time of his death.

Daughter of Joseph Emmons and Elizabeth Putnam (Converse) Goodell, born in West Boylston, Mass.:

- HELEN REBECCA GOODELL,¹⁰ born 1 Aug. 1879; was graduated from W. Boylston High School in class of 1898; class historian; member Worcester Grange; Master Ladies' Degree Team thereof 17 March 1902; married in Worcester, Mass., by Rev. Samuel A. Harlow, 24 Oct. 1900, to Burton Edward Farmer, born in Knowlton, Quebec, son of Alonzo and Caroline (Seymour) Farmer. One daughter, MILDRED ARLINE FARMER,¹¹ b. 8 July 1902.

428. CHARLES HOWARD CONVERSE⁹ (*Calvin⁸(260), Joshua,⁷ Capt. Josiah,⁶ Lieut. Josiah,⁵ Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 6 February 1830; died 3 September 1896, at Fort Atkinson, Wis.

When a youth he was in the employ of the Risley seed firm in Fredonia, N. Y. Later he was a school teacher. He married, 6 March 1854, Lydia Jane Gerow,



Charles Howard Converse.



Mrs. Lydia J. (Gerow) Converse.

second daughter of Samuel C.² and Tirzah (Warner) Gerow, of Leon, N. Y., and granddaughter of Daniel Gerow.¹

DANIEL GEROW¹ was of French Huguenot descent. The Gerows are descended from two brothers who were wealthy wine merchants of Bordeaux, France, but who, during the persecution of the Huguenots, were obliged to flee from France. Their property was confiscated, and they came to America, and settled at New Rochelle, N. Y. The name was originally spelled GERAUD. Daniel Gerow was a soldier in the Revolutionary War from Westchester Co., N. Y. His name is recorded, under date of 21 April 1779, as a private in the regiment of Westchester Co. militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Gilbert Drake (Treasurer's certificate 23431: amount of pay due, £1-s6-d8). He performed active service. His wife was Ann —, of Dutch parentage. In 1804, they lived at Yorktown, where his daughter Mary was born. They had seven other children: Sarah, Hammond, Samuel C., Catherine, Solomon, Elisha, Martha and Ann.

SAMUEL C. GEROW,² married, 8 March 1832, Tirzah Warner. They lived near Clifton Springs, N. Y., and in Leon, N. Y. They removed to Fort Atkinson, Wis., in 1854, and Mrs. Gerow died in Dec. 1863. Later the husband went to California where he died in Marysville. They had six children, of whom two died in infancy: Elizabeth married Abner Pratt; Lydia Jane married Charles Howard Converse; Sarah Ann married John Brigham; and Della F., born May 1848 or 1849, died in Marysville, Cal. Tirzah Warner's line of descent was Andrew,¹ Daniel,² Samuel,³ Jesse,⁴ Sr., Jesse,⁵ Jr., Rufus,⁶ Tirzah,⁷ as follows:

ANDREW WARNER,¹ came from Hertfordshire, Eng., to Boston in 1630; was in Newtown, Mass., now Cambridge; one of the founders thereof; in 1636 removed with others in a Colony to Hartford, Conn., which they founded; had six sons and a daughter Ruth; removed in 1659 to Hadley, Mass., with three of his sons and daughter; helped found three colonies.

DANIEL WARNER,³ had sixteen children by two wives; he settled in Hatfield, Mass.

SAMUEL WARNER,³ born in Hatfield.

JESSE WARNER,⁴ Sr., born 1718; moved to Belchertown, where he reared a family.

JESSE WARNER,⁴ JR., born 1 Feb. 1747; married Sarah Warriner, who was born in Springfield, Mass. They removed to Longmeadow, and were members of the church there. In 1771, they moved to Conway on Poplar Hill. In 1796 they moved to Orleans, Ontario Co., N. Y., where they are buried. They had seven sons and one daughter.

RUFUS WARNER,⁶ born 25 Feb. 1775; married 1 May 1800, Hazel Rice, who was born 28 May 1777. Children:

LUCY, born 18 Feb. 1801.

GUSTAVUS, born 3 May 1802.

WILLIAM, born 4 Dec. 1803.

ROSANNA, born 13 Oct. 1806.

HIRAM, born 13 May 1808.

TIRZAH, born 28 Feb. 1812; married Samuel C. Gerow.

LYDIA ANN, born 19 July 1816.

The line of Hazel Rice⁴ who married Rufus Warner was Edmund,¹ Joseph,² Phineas,³ Joseph,⁴ Caleb,⁵ Hazel,⁶ as follows:

EDMUND RICE,¹ born about 1594; came from Barkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England; settled in Sudbury, Mass., about 1639; his wife, Tamazine, died 13 June 1654; his second wife was Mercy, widow of Thomas Brigham, whom he married 1 March 1655. They moved to Marlboro, Mass., where he died, 3 May 1663; he had ten children.

JOSEPH RICE,² married Mercy King, 4 May 1658; had four wives and ten children

PHINEAS RICE,³ born 24 Aug. 1682; married 2 Oct. 1707, Elizabeth Willard. They moved to Stow, then Grafton. He represented Stow in the General Court; he died at the age of eighty-six.

JOSEPH RICE,⁴ born 24 May 1712; married Sarah —; resided at Grafton; was a soldier from there in 1757; died 12 Feb. 1789.

CALEB RICE,⁵ born 1753; married Lucy Deland, born 1748. He went to Conway, and thence to Phelps, N. Y., where he died in 1828; his widow died in 1832. There were six children.

HAZEL RICE,⁶ married Rufus Warner of Phelps, N. Y.; lived at Parma, N. Y.

In the March following their marriage Charles Howard Converse and his wife moved to Fort Atkinson, Wis., whither her parents had preceded them. In Fort Atkinson he worked a farm with his father-in-law. Soon after moving thither he bought a piece of land, and built a small house in which he lived for eight years. During that time, he bought forty-seven acres of land, and built a substantial house, into which he moved, selling the smaller place, and, for a few years, he was engaged in farming and fruit raising. Later, he was in the employ of the firm of Wilcox and Company, as stock buyer, which position he held at the time of his death. In April 1884, while en route to Chicago with stock, the trains collided, and he sustained severe injuries from which he never recovered, although

he lived eleven years longer, and continued in active business. For many years previous to this accident he held the office of Assessor of the town of Koshkonong. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Atkinson. He was a charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He lived an honest upright life, and was popular and highly respected. His remains lie in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Atkinson.

Children of Charles Howard and Lydia Jane (Gerow) Converse, all born in Fort Atkinson, Wis.:

LENNA ELIZA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 7 Sept. 1855; married Rennselaer Jay Coe. (473)

SARAH ANN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 1 July 1859; married, 25 Nov. 1880, Frederick Helmer Turner, born in Aztalan, Wis., 28 Nov. 1855, son of Don Carlos and Melissa (Mills) Turner, of Aztalan and Madison, Wis., and Roseburg, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Helmer Turner removed to Castana, Iowa, and returned to Fort Atkinson, Wis., where they now (1901) reside. Children:

BERNARD GEROW TURNER,¹¹ b. in Castana, Iowa, 5 Sept. 1881; graduate of High School; member of Loyal Temperance Legion. He is accountant in Citizen's State Bank in Fort Atkinson.

WARNER JESS TURNER,¹¹ b. in Fort Atkinson, 28 Jan. 1883; graduate of High School and now (1901) a student in Lawrence University at Appleton, Wis.

DARWIN CLARENCE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 18 January 1862; married, 1st, Medora Pease; married, 2nd, Helen Asenath Powers. (474)

NETTIE ADELL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 3 January 1865; high school graduate; taught six years in Fort Atkinson public schools; member M. E. Church; married 29 Sept. 1889, Frank Cutting Edwards, who was born in Oak Hill, Wis., 28 Sept. 1859. His father was John Melendy Edwards, who was born in Bernardston, Mass., 9 March 1834. His mother's maiden name was Lucretia Day Cutting born in Princeton, Mass., 27 January 1835. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutting Edwards have two children:

FRANK MERLE EDWARDS,¹¹ b., in Fort Atkinson, 23 Dec. 1890.

LILLIAN MARGUERITE EDWARDS,¹¹ b., in Fort Atkinson, 21 March 1897.

DAISY ARMEDA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 17 Aug. 1874; teacher in public schools near Fort Atkinson two years, and at Waterloo, Wis., two years; graduated in 1901 at the Cum-nock School of Oratory at North Western University at Evanston, Ill.

DELLA GEROW CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 23 June 1877; high school graduate; student at White-water Normal School one year; teacher in Fort Atkinson public schools five years; graduated at Milwaukee State Normal School; member Epworth League and pianist thereof for several years; in 1902 a teacher in Milwaukee public schools.

429. JULIAN CLINTON CONVERSE⁹ (*Calvin*⁸(260), *Joshua*,⁷ *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Orwell, Addison Co., Vt., 5 September 1834; died of typhoid fever in Beloit, Wis., 2 July 1870. When he was an infant his parents removed to Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. There he attended country school till seventeen years old, then went to school in Fredonia for one year, then to Gowanda, N. Y., to

study law until he was twenty-one, when he went to Albany where he passed his examination. He borrowed four hundred dollars of his father for books and expenses, and went West, going by steamer from Buffalo to Milwaukee, and thence by rail to the home of his brother in Fort Atkinson, Wis. His family have the note which he gave his father for the \$400, with payments on it of from two to fifty dollars. At Fort Atkinson he "hung out his shingle" and practised law there until his removal to Beloit, Wis., 11 November 1858. He married 7 December 1857, at the home of his bride's sister (Mrs. Harvey), in Shopiere, Rock Co., Wis., Henrietta Josephine Perrine, who was born in Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., 29 February 1836, daughter of John and Mary (Hebard) Perrine. Henrietta Josephine Perrine's father moved with his family to Barre, N. Y., where her mother and brother died. When she was nine years old her father moved with his family of six girls to Southport, Wis. (now Kenosha), and thence to Clinton, Rock Co., Wis., where her father married, second, Anna Isabel McIntire. Mrs. Converse's oldest sister, Cordelia, married Louis P. Harvey, Governor of Wisconsin, who went with his staff to Pittsburg Landing, after the battle there, in order to look after the soldiers. In stepping from one boat to another he fell into the Tennessee River and was drowned. That summer the President appointed Mrs. Harvey Superintendent of Southern Hospitals, and she was with the Western army until the close of the war. Julian Clinton Converse and Governor Harvey were like brothers, and, at the latter's house, Mr. and Mrs. Converse's first child was born. Mr. Converse moved with his family to Beloit, Wis., and he practised law there until his death. His life was a success in every way. The spring he died he was talked of as the Republican nominee for Congress. He was a brilliant lawyer, having lost but two cases at the Rock County bar in his fifteen years' practice. He was a communicant in the Episcopal Church, an active and constant worker therein, and was a liberal contributor to the Union cause and the relief of soldiers in the Civil War. He had not one bad habit,—did not smoke, drink, or gamble,—and it was his custom to retire at nine o'clock, and rise at five in the morning. Before he died he built a beautiful new home on a spacious lot, which at that time was regarded as one of the show places of that part of the country. Since 1885 his widow has resided in Racine, Wis.

Children of Julian Clinton and Henrietta Josephine (Perrine) Converse:

HARVEY SAWYER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Shopiere, Wis., 6 Oct. 1858; died, unmarried, of heart trouble and overwork 29 April 1890; educated at Racine Grammar School and Beloit College; member P. E. Church; studied law two years; removed to Denver, but shortly returned and was for four years in the employ of the J. I. Case T. M. Co. as accountant and correspondent.

JOHN PERRINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Beloit, Wis., 14 June 1860; educated at public school, and at Beloit College; on the Racine Daily Times five years from 1885, as a reporter; on the Racine Daily Journal two years; was correspondent for the Chicago Herald and Milwaukee papers. An invalid most of his life, he was of an amiable and affectionate disposition. He died 15 June 1895.

MARY CORDELIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Beloit, Wis., 17 June 1862; was graduated, in 1880, at Buffalo Female Seminary, taking the highest honors in her class; she taught two years in same school; wrote for Chicago Daily Herald and for Racine papers for five years; member Racine Presbyterian Church, Racine Woman's Club, and Whist Club; married in Racine, Wis., 12 May 1891, Arthur Huguenin, who is Secretary of the Fish Bros. Wagon Works of Racine. He was born in Chicago, Ill., 20 Sept. 1853, son of Gen. James and Sarah (Eames) Huguenin, of Chicago. Arthur and Mary Cordelia (Converse) Huguenin live in a beautiful home in Racine, Wis. Children:]

ARTHUR STANLEY HUGUENIN,¹¹ b., in Racine, 24 March 1893.

JAMES CLINTON HUGUENIN,¹¹ b., in Racine, 7 July 1895.

HELEN HUGUENIN,¹¹ b., in St. Joseph, Mo., 4 Dec. 1896.

LOUIS PERRINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Beloit, 28 Dec. 1867; died 22 Sept. 1869.

HELEN CLORINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born, in Beloit, 9 Aug. 1869; received education in Buffalo Female Seminary, which was supplemented by travel and study in Europe; an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Woman's Club, and of the Whist Club in Racine. She married in Racine, 14 July 1896, Herbert Fiske Johnson, who was born in Kenosha, Wis., 24 May 1868, son of Samuel C. and Caroline (Fiske) Johnson. Herbert Fiske Johnson is in partnership with his father, S. C. Johnson, in the manufacture of parquetry, flooring, etc. They own a large plant in Racine, Wis.; firm name is S. C. Johnson & Son. Children of Herbert Fiske and Helen C. (Converse) Johnson:

HELEN CONVERSE JOHNSON,¹¹ b. 23 Nov. 1898; died same day.

HIBBARD FISKE JOHNSON,¹¹ b. 15 Nov. 1899.

430. JULIUS HENRY CONVERSE⁹ (*Calvin*⁸(260), *Joshua*,⁷ *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Orwell, Vt., 5 September 1834; removed with his parents to Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., and thence, in 1862, to Richmond Township, Walworth Co., Wis., where he conducted a large farm, owned by his brother Julian, from 1 March 1862 until 26 December 1883, when he moved with his family to Delavan, Wis., where they remained until April 1885. After two years spent on the farm at Richmond, they again moved, in March 1887, to Delavan, where a small farm was purchased inside the city limits. There the family have since resided. Mr. Converse and his son are associated in business under the firm name of J. H. and J. T. Converse. They conduct a large wholesale fruit and vegetable trade. While engaged on the Richmond farm, Julius Henry Converse was interested in several outside speculations, being at various times engaged in stock-buying, commission business, and, for several years, quite extensively interested in hay pressing. In that

industry he was associated with Thomas Irving the firm being known as Converse and Irving. They owned a large warehouse at Delavan, which was destroyed by a cyclone. At other times he was in the hay pressing firms of Converse & Allen, and Moors Bros. and Company of Hancock, Wis. During the years 1885 and 1886 he conducted a large dairy business, in company with F. L. Thomas of Delavan, until fire destroyed the stables and fodder belonging to the firm. He married in Leon, N. Y., 26 March 1861, Frances Ada Thompson, born, in Leon, 10 February 1840, daughter of Jabez and Clarissa Curtis (Hotchkiss) Thompson.

Children of Julius Henry and Frances Ada (Thompson) Converse, born in Richmond, Wis.:

TWIN BOYS,¹⁰ born 25 March 1862; lived but a few hours.

JULIEN THOMPSON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 17 Feb. 1863; educated at Delavan High School, and in Janesville Business College; since 1887, junior member of the firm of J. H. & J. T. Converse in Delavan; for three years a member of Co. D (Delavan Guards), 1st Regt. Wisconsin National Guard, receiving honorable discharge as 1st Sergeant when the Company was mustered out.

DE HART CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 19 July 1866; attended school at District No. 7, Sugar Creek and Richmond, until 16 years old; lived with his parents until 21; member of Co. D, 1st Regt. Wisconsin National Guard, until the regiment was disbanded. In Sept. 1888, while alighting from a freight train at Delavan, he slipped and fell, and his right foot was crushed so that amputation was necessary. He is employed in the storage houses of J. H. & J. T. Converse, at Delavan. He married in Quincy, Ill., 10 Feb. 1895, Mary Ann McAleer, who was born 5 Jan. 1869; daughter of Patrick and Mary (Gallagher) McAleer, of Tyrone, Ireland.

MARY STURTEVANT CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 25 April 1870; student in Delavan High School, class of 1885; attended school in Sparta, Wis., 1886-7 doing special work in Latin course; member since 14 July 1884 of Christ Church, Delavan, wherein she has been Vice President and Secretary of St. Agnes Guild; at present she holds office of L. Com. of Delavan Hive, No. 94, L. O. T. M.; in employ of the medicinal establishment of the Wis. & No. Mich. Viavi Co., of Milwaukee, as their local representative in Delavan.

ANGIE HOTCHKISS CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 30 Aug. 1876; residing with her parents in Delavan in 1902.

431. MAJOR JAMES CONVERSE⁹ (*James Willard*⁸ (272), *Dr. James*,⁷ *Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Aurora, Ohio, 21 September 1828; for twenty-one years, Chief Engineer of the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railroad and General Superintendent of the same for several years until the road was sold to the Southern Pacific Company. At this time (1898) he resides in San Antonio, Tex. He is one of the two executors of the estate of T. W. Pierce deceased, formerly President of the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway. Major James Converse⁹ was married in Houston, Tex., 21 September 1862, by Rev. Thomas

Castleman, to Martha E. Allen, born in Houston, Tex., 18 July 1838, died in San Antonio, Tex., 14 April 1886. She was the first white child born in Houston, Tex. Her father, A. C. Allen, and his brother, I. K. Allen, laid out the city in 1836. A. C. Allen was born in Onondaga Co., N. Y., 4 July 1806, and died, in Washington City, in April 1863. Mrs. Charlotte M. Allen, the mother of Mrs. Martha E. (Allen) Converse, was born in Baldwinsville, N. Y., 14 July 1805, and died in Houston, 3 August 1895.

From the Houston Post.
AN HISTORICAL CHARACTER.

Mrs. Eliza W. Converse, whose death in San Antonio on the 14th inst. was announced in yesterday's Post, enjoyed the distinction of being the first child born to the town of Houston. Her father, A. C. Allen, together with his brother, J. K., were the founders of the city, having purchased for \$500, from Mrs. T. F. L. Parrott, formerly the wife of John Austin, the south half of the lower part of two leagues of land granted to John Austin, on Buffalo Bayou, at the head of tide water. Mrs. Parrott's deed to the Allens was recorded November 3, 1837, and is the one from which Houston real estate titles are derived. The Messrs. Allen were natives of New York, who visited Texas first in 1836, and after perfecting their plans the elder, Mr. A. C. Allen, returned to New York for the purpose of bringing his wife to his new home. They arrived here on the first steamer which came up Buffalo Bayou in January, 1837. On July 18, of the following year, Eliza W. Allen was born, and was therefore in her forty-eighth year at the time of her death. She married first, when quite young, Francis B. Chase, who was Superintendent of the Central Railroad from the commencement of its construction to the time of his death, which occurred about 1858. No issue resulted from this marriage. On September 21st, 1862, Mrs. Chase married James Converse, chief engineer of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway system, who, with a son (Peirce), survives her. For the past five years Mrs. Converse has been in failing health, unmistakable marks of consumption being manifest. Her husband, dreading the fatal termination of the disease, and wishing to prolong her life, traveled with her to various points, in the hope of at least checking its direful advance. At last, about fifteen months ago, they removed from Houston to Converse, a station fifteen miles from San Antonio. Here they have since resided, with the exception of intervals in this city, and frequent visits for professional advice to San Antonio. Those who intimately knew Mrs. Converse represent her as a model of female perfection, being sweet in manner and lovely in character, whose charity did not consist merely in the perfunctory and formal act of giving, but whose gifts were accompanied with words of affectionate pity, and personal ministrations to the poor and afflicted. Indeed, her sympathy with the unfortunate was so boundless that her own personal wants and comforts were often sacrificed that others might be made

glad. All who met her became her friends, and her death will evoke sincere expressions of sorrow from all who knew, even by report, of her generosity of heart, and kindness toward all humanity. Her remains reached the city yesterday afternoon, and the funeral will take place this morning, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of her aged mother, corner of Main and Rusk streets. As a mark of respect to the deceased, the flag on the City Hall was lowered to half mast during the day yesterday.

LAI D TO REST.

Yesterday morning, at the hour of 10, funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. Eliza W. Converse, at the home of the bereaved mother, Mrs. A. C. Allen, on the corner of Main and Rusk streets. Rev. E. D. Junkin, of the Presbyterian Church, read the solemn service of the dead, after which the remains were conveyed to Glenwood, accompanied by quite a number of mourners and acquaintances. The pall-bearers on this occasion were: William R. Baker, R. P. Boyce, J. Waldo, J. C. Baldwin, F. A. Rice, and Samuel Allen. The remains were interred in the northeast corner of the cemetery. The floral offerings on this occasion were many and handsome. A beautiful collection of flowers woven together to represent "The Gates Ajar," presented by Mrs. E. D. Byers, was an exquisite and mute offering, admired not alone for its great beauty. Other handsome offerings were placed upon the grave, giving unmistakable signs of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

From the Galveston News.

DEATH OF THE FIRST CHILD BORN IN HOUSTON.

HOUSTON, April 15. — Since an early hour this morning the large flag of the market-house has been floating in the drizzling rain at half-mast. It was half-masted in respect to the memory of Mrs. Eliza W. Converse, who died in San Antonio yesterday, and who was the first child that was born in Houston. This estimable lady was the wife of Major James Converse. The announcement of the death of Mrs. Converse caused widespread regret and sadness in very many households in the city, owing to the fact that deceased grew from an infant to mature womanhood in the midst of the oldest settlers of the town. She was a lady of fine mind and tender impulses, with a heart that always beat in sympathy with those in distress. Her husband and her mother, Mrs. A. C. Allen, have the deep sympathy of all who understand their great loss.

At 5 o'clock this evening, Mrs. Converse's remains will arrive in the city. From the train they will be taken to Mrs. Gearing's, on the north corner of Rusk and Main streets, where Mrs. Allen has lived for many years. Thence they will be escorted to their last resting place, in Glenwood Cemetery, to-morrow (Friday) morning. Services will be held at the house before the procession will move for the place of burial. The bell of the market-house will commence tolling at 10 o'clock, and continue to toll until the remains are interred.

In the year 1837 Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen, father and mother of the deceased, arrived in Harris County, and became settlers on the banks of Buffalo Bayou. They brought with them Wm. R. Baker, the late mayor of Houston, who was then a youth of only sixteen years. Mr. Allen at once bought the land on which Houston now stands, and had it surveyed in town lots. From that crude beginning Houston has grown to its present beautiful proportions. On the 18th day of July, 1838, the first child was born. She was named Eliza W. Allen. She grew to womanhood in the place, and in 1856 was united in matrimony to a Mr. Chase, who died shortly after the wedding. September 21, 1862, she married Maj. James Converse. Since the period of their marriage, the Major and his wife have lived alternately in Houston and San Antonio. Mrs. Converse leaves one child, a boy — Peirce Converse — born July 11, 1876.

Houston, April 16. — The funeral of Mrs. Eliza W. Converse, the first child born in Houston, took place this morning, from Mrs. E. V. Gearing's, on the corner of Main and Rusk streets. Services were held at the house by the Rev. Dr. E. D. Junkin, of the Presbyterian church. The procession moved down Main street shortly before 11 o'clock, being composed of members of the oldest and most honored families in Houston. The following gentlemen were pall-bearers:

F. A. Rice, E. G. Thompson, W. R. Baker, J. Waldo, R. P. Boyce, J. C. Baldwin, Sam Allen, Capt. F. W. Smith and Judge E. P. Hill.

On reaching Preston street the procession turned into it, and pursued its route to Glenwood Cemetery, where the remains were tenderly laid to rest.

Children of Major James and Martha E. (Allen) Converse:

JAMES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 22 Nov. 1863; died in Brooklyn, N. Y.; buried in Greenwood Cemetery by the side of his grandfather A. C. Allen.

A CHILD,¹⁰ born 26 Nov. 1866; died in infancy, in Houston, Tex.

THOMAS PEIRCE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Houston, Tex. 11 July 1876; named after Thomas Peirce of Boston, Mass., formerly President Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railroad.

432. ELIZA CONVERSE⁹ (*Ephraim*^a(278), *Eli*,⁷ *Jesse*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), married — Pope.

Children:

EPHRAIM MORTIMER POPE,¹⁰ born 9 Feb. 1837; died 27 May 1861.

THOMAS PASCHAL POPE,¹⁰ born 4 May 1838.

ELI CONVERSE POPE,¹⁰ born 25 Feb. 1841.

HENRY WALTON POPE,¹⁰ born 23 July 1843; died 19 July 1862.

ALMA LUTINA POPE,¹⁰ born 5 Feb. 1848; died 20 Nov. 1865.

EDNA JANE POPE,¹⁰ born 2 Jan. 1855.

433. CATHERINE BUCKINGHAM CONVERSE⁹ (*Charles Cleveland*^a(286), *Daniel*,⁷ *Sergeant Benjamin*,⁶ *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant*

Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹), born in Zanesville, Ohio, 4 October 1844; died 2 October 1887; married, 1 June 1869, William Walton Woolsey, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, son of John Muniford and Jane (Andrews) Woolsey.

Children of William Walton and Catherine Buckingham (Convers) Woolsey:

CLARA CONSTANCE WOOLSEY,¹⁰ died in infancy.

JOHN MONRO WOOLSEY,¹⁰ born in Aiken, S. C., 3 Jan. 1877; was graduated at Yale University in 1898.

CONVERS BUCKINGHAM WOOLSEY,¹⁰ born in Aiken, S. C., 22 July 1880; student at Yale University, class of 1901.

CATHERINE BUCKINGHAM WOOLSEY,¹⁰ born in Englewood, N. J., 9 July 1882.

WILLIAM WALTON WOOLSEY,¹⁰ JR., born in Englewood, N. J., 11 Dec. 1886.

434. ALBERT WRIGHT CONVERSE⁹ (*Albert Porter⁸(288), Asa Wright,⁷ Sergeant Benjamin,⁶ Ensign James,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Baton Rouge, La., 31 March 1854; died 3 March 1899; resided in Zachary, La., where he was a merchant, proprietor of hotel, and mayor of the town. He was married, in New Orleans, La., in 1891, by Rev. Mr. Sawyer, to Mrs. Louise (Hochenedel) Rummel, widow, who was born in New Orleans, La., 13 September 1853. Her father, Michel Hochenedel, was from Alsace-Lorraine, and her mother was Lottie Brinkman, a native of Prussia. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright Converse. His death, in Zachary, La., was caused by a shot from the pistol of a tramp to whom he had given shelter, and whom he had subsequently angered by ejection for misbehavior.

The following is from the issue of the Baton Rouge (La.) Weekly Capital Item, 1 April, 1899.

ALBERT WRIGHT CONVERSE.

Only a few weeks ago the writer performed the sad duty of penning a brief notice of the decease of Mrs. Albert Porter Converse, widow of a valued friend and mother of the subject of this brief sketch, whose tragic death shocked our entire parish, for none knew Albert Converse but to respect him and to love him.

He was a native of Baton Rouge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Porter Converse, and was born March 31, 1854. He was a member of the Henderson and Converse families, two among the oldest and most highly respected families in our parish. When he was about six months old his parents removed to their beautiful home on their Elm Park plantation in West Feliciana parish, where they continued to reside until about twenty years ago, when they returned to this parish, locating at Baker some ten or twelve miles north of this city on the W. and M. V. Railroad.

Albert received a good business education and was carefully trained by his parents, both of whom were highly educated and refined. As a boy he was quiet

orderly, dignified in demeanor and courteous to all. These excellent traits of character remained with him when he grew to man's estate, and made him popular with all classes of people. He was ever industrious and attentive to business and it was always his greatest pleasure to look to the welfare of his aged parents while they lived. At all times and under all circumstances of life he was an affectionate, faithful son, a true friend and a good man and citizen, and was just and honorable in all his dealings with his fellow man.

In 1890, Mr. Converse and Mrs. Rummel, a sister of our respected fellow citizen, Mr. B. F. Hochenedel, of the firm of Thoenssen and Hochenedel, were married, and in 1891 they located in Zachary where he engaged in merchandising. A year later the town of Zachary was incorporated and Mr. Converse was elected Mayor of the town. So acceptably did he perform his duties as Mayor, that, at the time of his untimely death, he was filling his seventh successive term of office.

It may be repeated with justice to the memory of the deceased, that as son, brother and husband, he was kind and devoted, and that his unsullied life stands as a bright example among men.

He leaves an only surviving sister, Mrs. Doolittle, who resides in Texas, and a loving devoted wife whose life was so suddenly and rudely transformed from happiness, joy and the brightest hope of future promise to that of deepest despair and grief at the loss of her life companion.

The great, noble, Christian hearts of our good people go out in sympathy to this bereaved lady — the widow of a man whose whole life has been a record of purity and goodness, whose nobility of character stands as a golden page in the book of time, and whose blameless soul has ascended to God who gave it.

The writer, in common with our entire sympathizing people, extends sincere condolence to the heart-broken widow, and family of his departed young friend.

The following is from the Zachary (La.) Dictator of 18 March 1899.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MAYOR, WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR THE DICTATOR.

Albert Wright Converse late Mayor of Zachary, who met such a tragic death on the morning of March 3rd, was a son of Albert Porter Converse, born in Baton Rouge, March 31, 1854. He was almost 45 years old at the time of his death. When he was six months old his parents moved to their West Feliciana home Elm Park plantation where they lived in splendor and luxury. War seemed their financial ruin as it did many other wealthy southern planters. When he was about twenty years old his father bought a farm on the Bayou Sara road called Holly Hill where young Converse lived with his parents about ten years. Reverses came and Mr. Converse put his shoulder to the wheel and took upon himself the support of his father and mother, sister and cousin. He opened a store in Baker, and was able

to ease his father's and mother's declining years, supporting them until their death. In 1890 he married Mrs. Rummel and moved to Zachary, where he opened up a business. In 1891 he was chosen Mayor of the town and was re-elected six consecutive times, and was Mayor at the time of death.

He leaves one sister, Mrs. Eugene Doolittle, residing in Angelina, Texas, and his wife a valued resident of Zachary.

He was a handsome manly looking man, a devoted son and brother, and his married life was one of extreme felicity. Ever kind and charitable, he was never known to turn a tramp from his door, and any one in distress was sure of his sympathy and help.

His remains were interred in the family burying ground and he sleeps peacefully beside his father and mother, mourned by all who knew him.

435. HORATIO LYON CONVERSE⁹ (*Marquis Lyon*⁸(289), *Marquis*,⁷ *Alpheus*,⁶ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*)¹, born in Brimfield, Mass., 12 September 1851; received education at the Hitchcock High School in Brimfield, Mass. From the age of fifteen, he was, for two years, a clerk in the dry-goods house of Emerson Rhodes and Company in New York City. Thence he went to Springfield, Mass., where he was engaged in mercantile business for a short time and was then, for three years, book-keeper for W. N. Flynt in Monson, Mass. After this he was a clerk in his brother John's store, in Brimfield, for four years, and served as assistant postmaster. Afterward he bought out his brother's interest and conducted the store in Brimfield, until 1 May 1899. In March 1900 he removed with his family to the Forest Park District in Springfield, Mass., where they still reside. In April 1901, he bought a store on Belmont Ave., in Springfield, carrying a general line of merchandise and groceries. He married, 18 April 1874, Mary Anderson, who was born in Monson, Mass., 16 March 1855, daughter of Almus and Sarah (Root) Anderson, of Monson, Mass. The family are members of Faith Church in Springfield.

Children of Horatio Lyon and Mary (Anderson) Converse:

FLORENCE W. CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 3 Oct. 1875; died 11 Sept. 1877.

HARRY RAYMOND CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Monson, Mass., 6 March 1878; educated at Hitchcock Free Academy, Brimfield, Mass., and in the Springfield, Mass., Business College. He was at one time engaged in his father's store in Brimfield, and is now in business in Holyoke, Mass. He is a member of the Brimfield Grange, and of the I.O.O.F. He married, 4 Dec. 1901, Jane Lucretia Warner of Holyoke, Mass., who was born in Excello, Ohio, 22 Dec. 1879, daughter of Samuel C. Warner, superintendent of one of the Holyoke paper mills. Her mother was Elizabeth Schenck Burrows.

FRANK ANDERSON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Monson, Mass., 31 Jan. 1880. In the Hitchcock Free Academy, he was President of his class for four years; since his graduation

thence in June 1899, he has been in the employ of McIntosh & Co., wholesale shoe dealers in Springfield, Mass. He is a member of Brimfield Grange.

SOPHY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Monson, Mass., 16 Sept. 1882; was graduated at the Hitchcock Free Academy in 1900, and then came to Springfield, Mass., with her parents, and was a student in Hinman's Business College, where she was graduated in May 1901 as accountant and stenographer; since that time she has been engaged in those capacities in her father's store. She is also a student in music as a violinist.

HORATIO LYON CONVERSE,¹⁰ Jr., born in Brimfield, Mass., 10 Oct. 1883; educated at Hitchcock Free Academy; now (1901) engaged in his father's store.

436. JOHN FOSTER CONVERSE⁹ (*Marquis Lyon*⁸(289), *Marquis*,⁷ *Alpheus*,⁶ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 6 April 1855; resides in Brimfield, Mass., where he was a merchant. He is now (1901) retired from business. He married, in Stafford Springs, Conn., 3 February 1879, Lizzie Lyon Wyles, born in Brimfield, Mass., 18 May 1856, daughter of William Henry and Anna (Picket) Wyles, of Brimfield.

Children, born in Brimfield:

HENRY WYLES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 4 Feb. 1880; died 4 Nov. 1881.

ALBERT FOSTER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 5 Nov. 1882; now (1902) at home working on his parents' farm.

ANNA WYLES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 8 Sept. 1884; student in 1902 at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield.

LYDIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 21 Nov. 1886; student in Hitchcock Free Academy.

JOHN WYLES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 19 April 1888; died 4 June 1890.

GYPSEY PICKET CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 20 June 1890; died 11 Aug. 1893.

MARQUIS WYLES CONVERSE,¹⁰ born April 1892.

FREDERICK LOWE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 17 March 1897.

437. CHARLES LYON CONVERSE⁹ (*Alfred Lyon*⁸(291), *Marquis*,⁷ *Alpheus*,⁶ *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brimfield, Mass., 28 September 1863; married, in Malden, Mass., 20 September 1888, Kittie Mae Jennings, born in Chelsea, Mass., 8 December 1867, daughter of Philip Morris Jennings, born in Boston, and Mary Eleanor Barrington, born in England. The latter was daughter of Richard Barrington (born, in England, 7 July 1814, died 5 December 1891) who married Kate Barrington (born 20 March 1816, died 3 August 1890).

Children of Charles Lyon and Kittie Mae (Jennings) Converse:

ALFRED LYON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Warren, Mass., 29 Sept. 1890.

PHILIP ROY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Warren, Mass., 8 April 1893.

MAE ELIZABETH CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Warren, Mass., 23 June 1895.

438. ALBERT YALE CONVERSE⁹ (*Albert*⁸ (203), *Amasa*,⁷ *Jr.*, *Amasa*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹),

born 8 October 1830; died in Taunton, Mass., 5 August 1886; married, in Taunton, 21 September 1857, Elizabeth P. Caswell, who was born in Taunton, Mass., 16 June 1837, daughter of Elijah S. and Elizabeth S. (Packard) Caswell.

Children of Albert Yale and Elizabeth P. (Caswell) Convers:

ALBERT ELIJAH CONVERS,¹⁰ born 26 June 1858; married, 25 Dec. 1888, Fannie Washburn Crane of Taunton, by Rev. John P. Forbes (Unitarian). No children. Albert Elijah Convers was educated in Taunton public schools; learned the tack business of his grandfather, Elijah S. Caswell, who made the first tacks manufactured in Taunton; moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and established the H. C. Tack Company in 1887.

MARIE ELIZABETH CONVERS,¹⁰ born 7 May 1860. Educated in Taunton public schools. Married, by Rev. John P. Forbes, 17 July 1895, William Franklin Palmer (Williams College '80), who was born in Webster, Mass., 30 May 1859, son of William H. and Jane Elizabeth (Hoyle) Palmer. William Franklin and Marie Elizabeth (Convers) Palmer moved to Dorchester, Mass., in 1898. Children:

PARKER PALMER,¹¹ b. 19 Jan. 1898; d. 11 March 1898.

FANNIE PALMER,¹¹ b. 24 April 1899.

MAUDE ANTHONY CONVERS,¹⁰ born 8 Feb. 1862. Educated in Taunton schools. Married, by Rev. John P. Forbes, 27 April, 1887, in Taunton, to Berthold Huber, President of The Huber Printing Press Co. He was born in Achern, Baden, Germany, 28 Dec. 1844, son of Joseph and Theresa (Kuenzer) Huber. Children of Berthold and Maude Anthony (Convers) Huber:

BERTHOLD CONVERS HUBER,¹¹ b. 10 Aug. 1888.

MAX KEUNZER HUBER,¹¹ b. 29 Jan. 1890.

MARIE ADELINE HUBER,¹¹ b. 17 Nov. 1891.

ELIZABETH CASWELL HUBER,¹¹ b. 8 July 1893.

439. GROVE WELLINGTON CONVERSE⁸ (*Orlin Eustace*⁸(305), *Lieut. Amasa*,⁷ *Capt. Amasa*,⁶ *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Windsor, Mass., 18 November 1854; educated in the Windsor schools; from the age of twenty-one, he was, for three years, a teacher in one of the schools in Windsor. Until his marriage he assisted his father in carrying on the paternal farm in Windsor. At the time of his marriage, he bought a farm of one hundred acres in Windsor, upon which he lived until he moved, in 1896, to Dalton, Mass., where he has since resided. While in Windsor he held the offices of school committeeman, town clerk, justice of the peace, and deputy sheriff. At one time he was a director, secretary and treasurer, agent, and salesman of the Windsor cheese factory. He married, 8 May 1881, Almeda B. Bradford, who was born in Plympton, Plymouth Co., Mass., 9 November 1852; died in Dalton, Mass., 30 May 1898; buried in Dalton Cemetery. Her father, Winslow Bradford, was a resident of Plympton, and later of Dalton, Mass., and

fought in the Civil War. Her mother's maiden name was Fannie Sumner Atwood.

Children of Grove Wellington and Amelia (Bradford) Converse, born in Windsor, Mass.:

ROSE ETHEL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 31 Dec. 1883; was graduated at Dalton High School, at fourteen years of age, and entered Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., in 1900.

GUY LESLIE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 12 March 1888; student in Dalton public schools in 1902.

GRACE LILLIAN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 12 Sept. 1893; student in Dalton public schools in 1902.

440. WILLIAM CONVERSE⁹ (*Charles*⁸(307), *Col. Roswell*,⁷ *Elisha*,⁶ *Jonathan*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1839; died in Richmond, Ind., 13 December 1879. His father was a merchant in Sandusky, Ohio, first having a general store, and then a dry-goods store, but the son, William, not liking that business, and, having a taste for machinery, learned to be a machinist when a young man. He, however, went back into his father's store again, after owning a dry-goods store and a shoe store of his own, and finally had charge of railroad shops at Richmond, Ind. While going to his office, in response to a message from the foreman, he was struck by a loaded box car about eight o'clock of the evening of 12 December 1879, and died five hours later. He married, 22 November 1866, Henrietta Josephine Lightner, who was born in 1847, and who now (1901) resides with her son and daughter in Shelby, Ohio.

Children of William and Henrietta Josephine (Lightner) Converse:

STELLA CAROLINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 30 Dec. 1867; in 1901 a public school teacher in Shelby, Ohio.

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 26 June 1870; married, 17 April 1900, Franklin Roth; they reside in Sandusky, Ohio.

WILLIAM DAVID CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 15 Sept. 1872; proprietor of drug store in Shelby, Ohio.

441. TIRZAH OPHELIA CONVERSE⁹ (*Chester*⁸(308), *Hezekiah*,⁷ *Chester*,⁶ *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Schroon, N. Y., 2 May 1839; died in Webster, Mass., 9 April 1872; married in Webster, 3 July 1862, Rufus Franklin Raymond of Webster, born in Dudley, Mass., 19 January 1836, son of Orrin and Betsey (Freeman) Raymond of Webster. Rufus F. Raymond died, in Webster, 14 November 1879. He had married, second, 7 May 1873, Mary Ann Jennette Converse, who died, in Webster, 19 September 1880. She was daughter of Hezekiah Austin Greene and Mary Ann (Lockwood) Converse.

Children of Rufus Franklin and Tirzah Ophelia (Converse) Raymond:

GEORGE FRANKLIN RAYMOND,¹⁰ born in Webster, Mass., 6 Aug. 1863; married 6 March

1886, Rose A. Noe, of Millbury, Mass., born 23 Jan. 1863, daughter of Peter Noe, born in Canada 1840, died 1885. Her mother was Margaret Porter, born in Canada, 1842. To George Franklin and Rose A. (Noe) Raymond five children were born:

NETTIE BELL RAYMOND,¹¹ b. in Millbury, Mass., 27 Nov. 1886; d. 27 Dec. 1892.

GEORGE FRANKLIN RAYMOND,¹¹ JR., b. in Dudley, Mass., 9 Jan. 1893.

HATTIE MAY RAYMOND,¹¹ b. in Dudley, Mass., 23 Dec. 1894.

HIRAM J. RAYMOND,¹¹ b. in Dudley, Mass., 13 Oct. 1897.

WILLIAM RUFUS RAYMOND,¹¹ b. in Dudley, Mass., 5 Aug. 1899.

IDA BELL RAYMOND,¹⁰ born in Webster, Mass., 16 Sept. 1870; died there 18 July 1892; married there 22 Feb. 1890, Arthur William Gates, born in Oxford, Mass., 12 March 1859, son of Dennis L. B., and Mary Hall (Howland) Gates. Children:

WALTER FRANKLIN GATES¹¹ (twin), b. 16 Aug. 1891.

CHESTER ARTHUR GATES¹¹ (twin), b. 16 Aug. 1891.

442. MYLA SEAMENS CONVERSE⁹ (*Chester⁸ (308), Hezekiah,⁷ Chester,⁶ Lieut. Jacob,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Schroom, Essex Co., N. Y., 19 March 1843; moved thence, with his father, in March 1860, to Webster, Mass., where he was employed in S. S. Slater and Son's woolen mill till 21 May 1861. He enlisted for three years or during the War in Co. I, 15th Mass. Volunteers, and served throughout the war. The first engagement in which he participated was the Battle of Ball's Bluff, Va., in October 1861. In that battle his brother William Franklyn Converse was captured, and afterward died in Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. In March 1862, the regiment with which Myla S. Converse was enlisted went to Harper's Ferry, Va.; crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, and went to Winchester, Va., with General Shields. After Gen. Stonewall Jackson was driven out of Winchester, his division, Gen. John Sedgwick in command, returned to Washington; took steamers at Washington, going down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe, Va. From Virginia they went to Yorktown where the division was assigned to the Second Army corps then commanded by Gen. E. V. Sumner. After the evacuation of Yorktown they went to West Point, Va., on the York River, by steamers, where they disembarked and had an engagement with the enemy. From there they took boat again and went to White House Landing where they disembarked, crossed the peninsula to the Chickahominy where they took part, together with the First Minnesota, in building the great Grape Vine Bridge on which General Sumner moved his corps across to the opposite side of the river to reinforce the left wing of the Colonel's army on the 31 May 1862, during the battle of Fair Oaks. In this engagement about four o'clock in the afternoon, the 15th Mass. arrived on the field and immediately became engaged. At about half past four Myla Seamens Converse was severely wounded in his right thigh, the thigh-bone being broken, and

just as he was to be carried from the field he received another wound through the right hand. He was sent back with others of the wounded to White house landing where he took steamer for Philadelphia. He was in a hospital on Wood Street, near 22nd Street from about the 6th or 7th day of June, 1862, until the latter part of July, when he received a furlough and went home for thirty days. He reported to his company again for duty at Sharpesburg, Va., on the morning after the Battle of Antietam. From there they went with the Army of the Potomac to Falmouth, Va., where his regiment participated in the battle of Frederick City, Va., fought by General Burnside. After this engagement the wound in the leg gave Mr. Converse some trouble in regard to marching, and he enlisted in the First U. S. Cavalry, under an order from the War Department, for the term of three years. He was assigned to Company E. Soon he accompanied the company to the front where the 1st Cavalry was assigned to what is known as the Reserved Brigade of the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac, then commanded by General Stoneman. Their first engagement was at Kellysford, Va., on the 17th day of March, '63. This was at the beginning of General Stoneman's Raid. Their next engagement was at Beverly's Ford, June 10th, 1863; Goose Creek, June 19th; Upperville, June 21st; Gettysburg, July 3rd; Williamsport, Md., July 6th; Boonesville, July 8th; Falling Water, July 15th; Manassas Gap, July 21st; Brandy Station, Aug. 1st, and Aug. 3rd; at Mine Run, Va., Dec. 5th; on General Custer's Raid, Feb. 28th and 29th, '64; at Spottsylvania, May 7th; in the Wilderness, Va., May 8th; on General Sheridan's Raid, May 9th to 14th; at Beaver Dam, May 10th; Yellow Tavern, May 11th; Chickahominy River, May 12th, (here again he received another slight wound on his right arm just below the shoulder, which, however, did not lay him up from service); Horse-shoe Shop, May 28th; at Cold Harbor, May 30th and 31st; at Trevilian Station, June 12th; at Deep Bottom, Va., July 28th; at Newtown, Aug. 12th; Shepherdstown, Aug. 29th; at Shepherdstown, Va., Sept. 1st; at Winchester, Sept. 19th; at Wilford, Sept. 23rd; Waynesboro, Sept. 28th; at Edinburgh, Oct. 8th and 9th; at Cedar Creek, Oct. 19th; on the Gordonsville Raid, Dec. 20th to 28th; on the Loudon Valley Raid, Jan. 5th to 8th, 1865; at Waynesburgh, Va., Mar. 21st; Dinwiddie Courthouse, March 30th; at Five Forks, Va., April 1st, April 2nd, 1865 and April 3rd; at Evergreen Station, April 8th; at the surrender of General Lee's army at Appomattox, Apr. 9, 1865.

These engagements are copied from the back of his discharge, which discharge he received from Co. E, 1st U. S. Cavalry, signed and approved by Capt. George C. Sanford, commanding Co. E, 1st U. S. Cavalry, approved by A. G. Brackett, Col.

commanding 1st U. S. Cavalry, also attested and approved by Major General Philip S. Sheridan, commanding Department of the Gulf.

He was detailed in the spring of 1865, just before the surrender of Lee's Army, to report to General Sheridan's Headquarters, then being a sergeant of Co. E, to take command of orderlies; went from Washington to New Orleans with General Sheridan when he went down to take command of the Department of the Gulf. He was mustered out at New Orleans on the 17th day of December, 1865, by reason of expiration of term of service. This ended his military service.

In the spring of 1866 he returned to Webster, Mass., and was there employed in S. S. Slater and Sons' woolen works until 10 May 1871, when he removed to Becker County, Minn.; he has since been continuously engaged in farming in Northern Minnesota. At this time (1902) he resides in Detroit, Minn., and is engaged in farming and real estate. The religious denomination of the family is Baptist. On 17 November 1863, he was appointed by Governor Merriam, Military Storekeeper for the State of Minnesota, with the rank of Captain, which position he held until January 1899, when, by an order of Governor Lind, he was placed on the retired list of the National Guard of the State of Minnesota. He has served six years on the Staff of the Governor of Minnesota; two years as a member of the Republican State Central Committee; for six years a member of the Congressional Committee of his congressional district; for several years Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Lake Eunice; served as Treasurer of the School District for nine years; was for four years President of the Becker County Agricultural Society; for two years Vice President of the State Agricultural Society; and for one year President of the Town Council of the city of Detroit, Minn.

While a resident of Webster, Mass., he married in Thompson, Conn., 26 November 1866, Mary Elizabeth Emerson, of Thompson, born in Smithsfield, R. I., 9 March 1846, died in Lake Eunice, Minn., 22 February 1881, daughter of David Emerson, who was born in Oxford, Mass., 3 August 1816. Her mother was Adeline Andrews, born in Uxbridge, Mass., 21 April 1826.

Myla Seamens Converse married, second, in St. Paul, Minn., 24 June 1883, Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Hall (*née* Nuttle) of Boston, Mass., who was born in Rochdale, England, 21 January 1846, daughter of Edmund Nuttle of Rochdale, England. Her father moved with his family to this country when his daughter, Grace was two years old; he died in Webster, Mass., 20 January 1880. Her mother was Mary Reiges of Rochdale, England; she died in Webster, Mass., 22 January 1881.

Children of Myla Seamens and Mary Elizabeth (Emerson) Converse:

PHILIP SHERIDAN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Thompson, Conn., 15 July 1871; engaged as book-keeper with the Commonwealth Lumber Co., Fraser, Minn., with which firm he had been more than four years up to 1902.

WILLIAM FREEMAN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Lake Eunice, Becker Co., Minn., 30 April 1878; employed by the state of Minnesota in Grain Department office, 222 Corn Exchange Minneapolis, Minn.

443. HIRAM CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles*⁸(330), *Hiram*,⁷ *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 December 1859; died in Diamond, Cherokee Co., Ia., 20 November 1892; moved to Minnesota in 1872, thence to Yancey City, Ia., about 1875; thence ten years later to Cherokee Co., Ia., where he was engaged in farming, and where he resided until his death on his farm. He was married in Alta, Ia., 22 March 1886, by Rev. R. T. Presley, to Minnie Imogene Lovelace, born in Worthington, Dubuque Co., Ia., 3 June 1867, daughter of James Taylor and Jane (Harmon) Lovelace of Alta, Ia.

Son of Hiram and Minnie (Lovelace) Converse:

EARL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Aurelia, Ia., 22 April 1888; now (1901) attending public school in Aurelia, Ia.

444. EDWARD CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles*⁸(330), *Hiram*,⁷ *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Three Oaks, Mich., 30 September 1865; farmer; married in Aurelia, Ia., 3 September 1888, by Rev. H. A. Evans, to Cora May Randall, born in Hamlin, N. Y., 22 April 1872, daughter of Jefferson and Betsy Ann (Billings) Randall, of Aurelia, Ia.

Children, born in Aurelia, Ia.:

ARTHUR GILBERT CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 18 Aug. 1892.

GERALDINE CORA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 16 May 1898.

445. ELMER CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles*⁸(330), *Hiram*,⁷ *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Killawog, N. Y., 1 December 1866; farmer; married in Storm Lake, Ia., 25 November 1889, Anna Griffith, born in Cherokee, Ia., daughter of Luke and Anna (Howard) Griffith, of Cherokee, Ia.

Children:

HARRY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Pringar, Ia., 20 July 1892.

CHLOE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Aurelia, Ia., 10 Nov. 1899.

446. JANE CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles*⁸(330), *Hiram*,⁷ *Theron*,⁶ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Austin,

Minn., 27 April 1869; married in Aurelia, Ia., 20 February 1893, Frank Jones, farmer. Mr. Jones was born in Rockford, Ill., 17 January 1863, son of Samuel and Adelia Diana Jones of Rockford, Ill.

Children, born in Ida, Ia.:

EDITH JONES,¹⁰ born 31 Jan. 1894.

MILDRED ALICE JONES,¹⁰ born 15 Aug. 1896.

447. THERON CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles⁸(330), Hiram,⁷ Theron,⁶ Col. Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Austin, Minn., 8 January 1871; farmer; married in Alta, Ia., 20 February 1895, by Rev. Mr. Burnip, to Anna Belle Whiting, who was born in Cherokee, Ia., 27 April 1875, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Wilkinson) Whiting of Cherokee, Ia.

Children:

RUTH GWENDOLA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 6 Jan. 1897.

CLYDE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 19 June 1899.

448. ALBERT CONVERSE⁹ (*Andrew Miles⁸(330), Hiram,⁷ Theron,⁶ Col. Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Traer, Ia., 30 August 1875; farmer; married in Aurelia, Ia., 16 October 1898, by Rev. Mr. Hill, to Addie Grace Hoyt, born in Ida, Ia., 3 July 1879, daughter of Alonzo and Jane (Lustard) Hoyt. Alonzo Hoyt was born in Moriah, Essex Co., N. Y., and Jane Lustard was born in Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co., Pa.

One child:

VIOLA BLANCHE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Battle Creek, Ia., 11 July 1900.

449. FREDERICK FOLGER CONVERSE⁹ (*William Porter,⁸ Jr. (350), William Porter,⁷ Otis,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in New Orleans, La., 19 December 1861; married at Afton Villa, La., 28 July 1885, Clara Van Norden Howell, daughter of Judge Rufus King, and Eliza Ellen (Boone) Howell of New Orleans. He is Clerk and Recorder of the 13th Judicial District Court at St. Francisville, La.

Children, all born at Bay View Plantation, West Feliciana Parish, La.:

CLARA HOWELL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 25 April 1887.

FREDERICK FOLGER CONVERSE,¹⁰ Jr., born 6 Dec. 1888.

EVELINE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 8 July 1890.

HARRY WEST CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 2 May 1893.

450. ANAIS CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Albert Luther⁸(356), Henry,⁷ Otis,⁶ Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Springfield, Ill.,

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24 July 1867; married, 23 July 1885, to Dr. Frank Buchanan Smith of Springfield born in Springfield, Ill., 7 March 1859; died there 24 August 1901. He was the son of La Fayette and Harriet (Buchanan) Smith, both natives of Sangamon County, Ill., the former born there in 1836, and the latter born there in 1839. Dr. Frank Buchanan Smith was graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., February 1880, and practised medicine two years in Springfield, Ill. In 1888, upon the death of his father, who had been a wholesale grocer in Springfield, Ill., Dr. Smith was instrumental in having the business incorporated under the firm



Mrs. Anals (Converse) Smith. Dr. Frank Buchanan Smith.
Harry Buchanan Smith.

name: The La Fayette Smith Groceries Company, and was elected President of that corporation. The duties devolving upon him as President made it necessary for him to devote his whole time to the interests of the company, and necessitated the abandonment of the practice of his chosen profession. Hewas an active business man, a respected citizen, and a good husband. The following notice of his death is from the Illinois State Journal of Springfield:

The funeral of Dr. Frank B. Smith will take place at the Central Baptist church today at 3 o'clock, the Rev. E. B. Rogers, pastor of the church, officiating. The remains can be viewed by friends at the late residence, 1030 South Sixth street, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. today.

Dr. Smith had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected. He obtained his education in the public schools. When he had attained the age where he thought he should select some profession for life he chose that of a physician, studying under Dr. B. M. Griffith, a well known physician of this city. He subsequently became a student of Rush Medical College at Chicago, from which he graduated in the class of 1879-80.

After leaving college Dr. Smith returned to Springfield and opened an office here for the practice of medicine. He pursued his calling successfully for two years, but the demands made upon his physical strength and endurance by his professional duties so impaired his health that he was obliged to retire, and in 1883 he entered the wholesale grocery store of his father, Lafayette Smith. He displayed a decided talent for business and immediately after the death of his father, which occurred Sept. 3, 1888, the Lafayette Smith Grocery company was incorporated and Dr. Smith was made president of the corporation, which position he held up to the time of his death.

He leaves a widow and two sons, Harry B., aged 15, and Francis, aged 4 years. His widowed mother, Mrs. Harriet Smith, two brothers, Edwin F. and Harry L. Smith, and one sister, Miss Eloise Smith, also survive him. He was devoted to the Central Baptist church, of which he was an active member, and faithful to the interests of the South Baptist mission, which will greatly deplore his loss. He has ably served this city on the board of health for several years. Although actively engaged in mercantile business, Dr. Smith devoted considerable time to the duties of the medical profession.

Children, all born in Springfield, Ill.:



Francis Buchanan Smith.

HARRY BUCHANAN SMITH,¹⁰ born 13 May 1886.

ALBERT CONVERSE SMITH,¹⁰ born 12 March 1892; died 22 April 1895.

FRANCIS BUCHANAN SMITH,¹⁰ born 1 June 1897.

452. HON. GEORGE LEROY CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. George Washington*⁸ (375), *Sanford*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Paine*,⁵ *Paine*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Georgesville, Franklin Co., Ohio, 4 June 1827; died 30 March 1897, at his residence, No. 441 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. After his father's death, his mother, a woman of more than ordinary attainments, supported herself and the child by teaching. George, guided and assisted by his mother, obtained the elements of his education at the district school; afterwards

attending Central College for seven years, and, entering the university at Granville, Ohio, was graduated in 1849. He studied law in the office of Gen. J. W. Wilson, at Tiffin, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He at once began practice at Napoleon, Ohio, but removed to Columbus in January 1852. In 1854, he was elected prosecuting attorney, serving one term, and declining re-election. The bar of Franklin county at the time was a strong one, and Mr. Converse was accorded a leading position. He was devoted to his profession and did not court political preferment. In 1859, he was elected a member of the legislature, and was re-elected in 1861, serving two terms. In 1863, he was elected to the state Senate, and became the leader of the Democratic organization in that body. In 1873, he was again elected to the lower house and made its speaker, when his efficiency and resources as a parliamentarian attracted the attention of the entire country. He was re-elected in 1875, and was the democratic leader on the floor of the house. In 1877, he was a prominent candidate for gubernatorial honors, with Gen. Durben Wood, and R. M. Bishop as competitors, Bishop being nominated and elected. In 1878, he was elected to Congress. Mr. Randall, speaker of the house, recognizing his abilities, made him chairman of the committee on public lands, an honor rarely conferred upon a new member. He was re-elected to Congress in 1880, and his eminent services were so marked that he was elected again with but little opposition. The position taken by Mr. Converse upon the tariff question, and his eminent abilities, made him a conspicuous figure. He was fully in accord with Mr. Randall, believing and advocating that a tariff should be so levied that it would protect the industries of the country against foreign competition, especially asking that agricultural interests be thus protected. It was Mr. Converse who moved to strike out the enacting clause of the Morrison horizontal tariff bill when in committee of the whole, the bill was under discussion. After the defeat of the bill its friends and opponents agreed that the question should be authoritatively settled by the Democratic National Convention at Chicago. Mr. Randall was to champion those who opposed, and Mr. Morrison those who supported the bill. Mr. Randall was unavoidably detained from the first day of the convention, and Mr. Converse, though not a delegate, sought a place in the Ohio delegation, and a membership on the Committee on Resolutions, where the control was to be reached by an attempt to make Mr. Morrison its chairman. The opponents of the bill were successful, but Mr. Converse, as a favor to Mr. Morrison, requested, although entitled to the victory gained, that Mr. Morrison be made chairman. Mr. Morrison then invited Mr. Converse to make the first speech in reply to Benjamin F. Butler, who spoke against the report of the

committee. Mr. Converse, in his action in this matter, contributed largely to the presidential success of 1884. With Mr. Randall he was called to New York, and canvassed that state. In his practice, as well as in his private life, Mr. Converse sustained a character for integrity, and honesty of purpose beyond reproach. A self-made man he earned the distinction he won. He was clear-cut mentally as well as physically. As a lawyer he ranked among the foremost at the Ohio bar: as a citizen he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was a typical American, loyal to the best interests of his country, and kind and obliging to those who were struggling to obtain, as he had, recognition at the hands of his countrymen. In 1892, Governor McKinley appointed him a delegate to the Nicaragua canal convention, held in St. Louis. He was made chairman of the convention, and of a subsequent convention held at New Orleans under authority of the St. Louis convention. In this he took the broad view that his government should construct the Nicaraguan canal as a national safeguard, and in the interests of commerce, a wise and patriotic position, which he eloquently defended in numerous addresses which he was invited to deliver in the different cities. Mr. Converse married in Columbus, Ohio, 16 September, 1852, Sarah Eveline, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Walker) Patterson. Mrs. Converse died 19 November 1883, a woman highly respected for her many good qualities. Mr. Converse again married, his second wife being Eloise, daughter of Dr. Langdon, an eminent physician of Columbus, Ohio.

The substance of the above sketch is from *The National Cyclopædia of American Biography*.

Children of George Leroy and Sarah Eveline (Patterson) Converse:

GEORGE LEROY CONVERSE,¹⁰ JR., CAPT. U. S. A., West Point cadet in class of 1880; appointed from Ohio; Capt. 1st Ohio Vol. Cavalry, 11 May 1898; ordinance officer, 2nd Div. 1st Army Corps, June 11 to Oct. 4, 1898; retired from active service, for wound received in line of duty, 8 Aug. 1895; residence Cleveland, Ohio; married——. Children:

GEORGE LEROY CONVERSE,¹¹ 3rd.
ALEXANDER J. CONVERSE.¹¹

HOWARD PENDLETON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Columbus, Ohio, 4 July 1866; at this time (1900) he is Manager, in Boston, Mass. (178 Devonshire Street), of the New Jersey Steel and Iron Co. of Trenton, N. J.

Child of George Leroy and Eloise (Langdon) Converse:

SAMUEL RANDALL CONVERSE.¹⁰

453. DR. LUCIUS RODNEY CONVERSE⁹ (*John Nelson*⁸(376), *Sanford*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,³ *Deacon Ed-*

ward¹), born 19 November 1829; died 1883. He was a physician and resided in Atchison, Kan. He married Emma Eddleblute of Licking County, Ohio, born 8 January 1835, died 31 July 1896.

Children:

ELMER ALPHEUS CONVERSE,¹⁰ DOCTOR, born 25 June 1851; married Mary E. Gifford. (475)

LOUIS FERDINAND CONVERSE¹⁰ (twin), born Feb. 1852.

LOUISA ELLEN CONVERSE¹⁰ (twin), born Feb. 1852; married and had children; died 20 Nov. 1895.

JOHN NELSON CONVERSE,¹⁰ JR., born 1854; died 1882; left children in Putnam Co., Ohio.

HATTIE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 25 April 1859; married Thomas Nelson; lives in Princeton, Ind. No children.

454. DR. GEORGE VIRGIL CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Marshall Perry*⁸ (377), *Sanford*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Liverpool, Pike Township, Ohio, 2 November 1848; died 1 July 1899. When he was eight years of age his parents removed to Lewistown, Ill., where he entered the public school and later graduated from the High School. He commenced the study of medicine with his father, in the interim teaching in the public schools. In September 1870, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Ia., remaining for the year. He was enrolled as a student in the Gem City Business College, Business Department, at Quincy, Ill., 1 April 1871, and was graduated 25 July of the same year. Dr. Converse then located at Winchester, Ia., where he practised medicine until 20 July 1873 when he removed to Hillsboro, Henry Co., Ia., and there built up a most lucrative practice. He was a diligent student, and devoted his entire time to the study and practice of his profession. In 1881, Dr. Converse again entered the Medical College at Keokuk, Ia., taking a special course in surgery and obstetrics. At the head of a class of forty, he received his degree in March 1882.

Returning to Hillsboro, he continued his practice until 7 December 1888, when he removed with his family to Plain City, Ohio, where they lived until 20 December 1892. Again returning to his western home at Hillsboro, Ia., he pursued his work until 7 December 1897, when he was stricken with locomotor ataxia from the effects of which he was a most intense sufferer until his death, which occurred 1 July 1899.

Dr. Converse united with the Free Baptist Church in 1874, and was a member at the time of his death. He was also identified with the I.O.O.F. and Modern Woodmen of the World. He was married, 20 July 1873, to Jeanette Runyon of Hillsboro, Henry Co., Ia.

Children:

VIRONDA MONROVA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 22 Sept. 1874, in Hillsboro, Ia. At the age of thirteen she removed with her parents to Plain City, Ohio, and entered the grammar school,—later the High School, from which she was graduated with the class of '92. Returning to Hillsboro with her parents she pursued a special course in pedagogy and, later, took up work in the public schools, where she has made primary work a specialty. She is a graduate of the Normal school, and carries a first class certificate.

In 1895, she became associated with the S. E. Iowa C. E. Union as treasurer, and has since been twice re-elected to the position of secretary, which office she now holds. Miss Converse is especially interested in prison reform, and her efforts have been kindly recognized by the officials and inmates of the State Institution at Ft. Madison, Ia.

MERVIN PAUL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 6 Dec. 1881; died 6 Dec. 1885.

455. NATHAN W. CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸(378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Union County, Ohio, 13 January 1835; farmer; married in Unionville Center, Ohio, 10 April 1856, by Ed. Smith, J. P., to Mary McLarn, born in Beaver County, Pa., 9 April 1838, died in Prospect, Ohio, 26 October 1880. Her father, John McLarn, was born in Washington County, Pa. Her mother, Mary Hultz, was born in Beaver County, Pa.

Children of Nathan W. and Mary (McLarn) Converse:

EFFIE LOVISA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Unionville Center, Ohio, 22 June 1857; married by Rev. W. G. March, in Unionville, 18 Nov. 1875, to Harmer Wood Falkner, born in Ostrander, Ohio, 10 Sept. 1852. Mr. Falkner is a member of I.O.O.F.; of F. & A. M., and of the Eastern Star. He is son of Lewis and Jane (Carr) Falkner. Children:

INFANT,¹¹ b. 14 March 1878; d. 26 Aug. 1879.

CLAUD REGINALD FALKNER,¹¹ b. 7 Sept. 1880.

NINA MARY JANE FALKNER,¹¹ b., in Ostrander, 14 Sept. 1883.

ELNA BURNESSE FALKNER,¹¹ b., in Ostrander, 7 Dec. 1886.

EVA ZELL FALKNER,¹¹ b. in Marion, Ohio, 11 Sept. 1894.

ELNA MARTHA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Mt. Victory, Ohio, 9 May 1859; married by Rev. E. F. Ecock, in Galion, Ohio, 14 Aug. 1878, to Dr. James Oscar Darward, born in Ostrander, Ohio, 25 Feb. 1857, son of Daniel and Susannah (Mangans) Darward. Children:

ALLISON DARWARD,¹¹ b. in Prospect, Ohio, 7 Oct. 1879.

GEORGE MORRIS HUFFAKER DARWARD,¹¹ b. in Ottawa, Ohio, 5 Nov. 1881.

JEAN O. DARWARD,¹¹ b., in Ottawa, 13 Jan. 1885.

MARY DOROTHY DARWARD,¹¹ b., in Ottawa, 12 Nov. 1886.

LEWELLYN HUGH CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Broadway, Ohio, 9 Sept. 1861; died at the Military Hospital on the Island of Negros, P. I., in April 1900. He was a soldier in the regular army, in which he served thirteen years. His first five years of service was in the 7th U. S. Cavalry; his second term of five years was with the 5th U. S. Infantry;

third term of three years was in Co. E, 6th U. S. Infantry. He took part in the battle at El Caney, Cuba, 1 July 1898, and was shot twice in the left arm; he was highly commended (with others) by Capt. Kennon of Co. E, for bravery on the battle field in front of Santiago de Cuba. He served with his regiment in the Philippine Islands, where he died.

MARY BELL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Mt. Victory, Ohio, 16 June 1865; married, 8 Nov. 1884, in Marysville, Ohio, by H. J. King, J. P., to George Peter Zwerner, electrician, born in Marysville, Ohio, 8 Nov. 1863. He served through the Spanish-American War as Commissary Sergeant in 4th Ohio Vol. Infantry. His father, John George Zwerner, was born in Nürnberg, Bavaria, Germany. His mother, Margaret Guderman, was born in Margarbauch, Bavaria, Germany. Children of George Peter and Mary Bell (Converse) Zwerner born in Marysville, Ohio:

MARIE BELL ZWERNER,¹¹ b. 10 July 1885.

CHARLOTTA THERESE ZWERNER,¹¹ b. 4 Oct. 1887; d. 18 April 1891.

MAX L. CONVERSE ZWERNER,¹¹ b. 22 Nov. 1890.

ARPIE ZELL CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Mt. Victory, Ohio, 7 Jan. 1868; a graduate nurse at Columbus, Ohio; Directress of Nurses' Grant Hospital.

LIDA MAY CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Broadway, Ohio, 7 May 1870; married by Rev. Mr. Thompson in Ostrander, Ohio, 10 April 1887, to Stanley Burr Anderson, R.R. yard foreman at Marion, Ohio; son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Folkner) Anderson. Children:

JOE ANDERSON,¹¹ b. in Ostrander, Ohio, 21 July 1888.

MARY ANDERSON,¹¹ b. in North Lewisburg, Ohio, 28 Jan. 1892.

ISAAC DANA ANDERSON,¹¹ b. in Columbus, Ohio, 21 March 1894.

ALLEN CONVERSE ANDERSON,¹¹ b. in Marion, Ohio, 1 Dec. 1898.

GERTRUDE McLARN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Broadway, Ohio, 11 April 1873.

NATTIE WAWETA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Unionville Center, Ohio, 20 April 1875.

456. OBIL BEACH CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸(378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 18 November 1837, in Jerome Township, Union Co., Ohio. He was married, 13 April 1859, by John Mitchell, J. P., to Rebecca Josephine Parthemore, of Union Township, Union Co., Ohio, born 20 January 1838, near Milford Center, Ohio. They now reside upon their farm of 190 acres in Allen Township, Union County, Ohio. They are both members of the Methodist church and have held numerous offices in the same for thirty-three years.

Children:

ZAIDEE JOSIE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Darby Township, Union Co., Ohio, 4 Aug. 1861; was married, 30 March 1881, by Rev. W. G. March, to John Wesley Barker, born in Iowa, 3 April 1856. Both are members of the M. E. Church; they reside upon a farm. They have two sons:

LYNN LEROY BARKER,¹¹ b. 7 Feb. 1884; member U. B. Church.

LOY MORELLE BARKER,¹¹ b. 30 Aug. 1886; member U. B. Church.

ZENIE PARMELIA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 30 March 1869, in Allen Township, Union Co., Ohio. She was married, 17 March 1891, in same township by Rev. D. A. Johnston to Osborne William Reid, born 23 Jan. 1868, in Paris Township, Union Co., Ohio, where they

now reside on their farm. Both are members of the U. B. Church, and have held several offices in the same.

ZILLA LOUISE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 3 Dec. 1871, in Allen Township, Union Co., Ohio; a member of the U. B. church, of which she has been organist for twelve years.

457. SARAH CASSANDRA CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸ (378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 25 April 1840, in Madison County, Ohio. She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Chuckery, Ohio, 6 July 1862. She was married, 28 October 1857, by Edmond Smith, J. P., to George Duffield Mitchell, farmer, who was born, 15 October 1834, in Milford Center, Ohio. Mr. Mitchell holds membership in the I.O.O.F. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Chuckery Ohio. His parents were John Mitchell, born near Carlisle, Pa., and Susan (Kingery) Mitchell, born in Virginia.

Children of George Duffield and Sarah Cassandra (Converse) Mitchell:

ELSIE JANE MITCHELL,¹⁰ born in Union Co., Ohio, 22 Oct. 1858. She is a member of the Congregational church. She is a Rebecca, in the I.O.O.F., at Marysville, Ohio, married, 30 Oct. 1876, by Rev. J. S. Adams, to Simon D. Boyd, born 9 Feb. 1848; near Sidney, Shelby Co., Ohio, son of Silas Boyd born in W. Va. and Margaret (Gump) Boyd, born near Sidney, Shelby Co., Ohio. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., at Marysville, Ohio. Children:

LUELLA MAY BOYD,¹¹ b. in Marysville, Ohio, 15 Aug. 1878; m., 25 Dec. 1899, by Rev. Mr. Rugby, to Harry B. Biggs, b. in Findlay, Ohio, 12 Oct. 1878. She graduated from the Marysville High School in 1895. She is a member of the Congregational church in her native town. Mr. Biggs was graduated from the Findlay High School in 1895. He enlisted in the Spanish American War, 25 April 1898, and served as Corporal in Co. A, 2nd O. V. I. He received his discharge 10 Feb. 1899, at Macon, Ga. He was son of William Biggs, b. in Findlay, Ohio, and Fannie (Mitchell) Biggs, b. in Carlisle, Pa.

WALTER MITCHELL BOYD,¹¹ b., in Marysville, 24 Feb. 1883.

HARRY ERNEST BOYD,¹¹ b., in Marysville, 10 April 1889.

JAMES WALTER MITCHELL,¹⁰ born 25 Jan. 1862, in Union Co., Ohio. He united when nine years old, with the M. E. Church at Chuckery, Ohio, in which he has served as trustee and class leader, and also as superintendent in the Sunday School. He removed, 1 April 1889, to Broadway, Ohio, where he still resides on a farm. Mr. Mitchell married, 6 Aug. 1891, Ella Locky Predmore, who was born 19 Sept. 1870, in Taylor Township, Union Co., Ohio, daughter of John D. and Eliza Jane (Garrett) Predmore, both of whom were born in Union Co., Ohio. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the M. E. Church. Children of James Walter and Ella Locky (Predmore) Mitchell, born in Broadway, Ohio:

VENA MAY MITCHELL,¹¹ b. 5 Feb. 1893.

JOHN DUFFIELD MITCHELL,¹¹ b. 10 Feb. 1895.

WILLIAM BLAINE MITCHELL,¹⁰ born 13 March 1865, in Union Co., Ohio. He united with the M. E. church at Chuckery, Ohio, in childhood. He was a student at the Leba-

non, Ohio, college in 1886; learned photography in Marysville, Ohio; and was a photographer in Williamsport, Pa., in 1891, and in La Rue, Ohio, in 1892. He is a member of the order of Red Men. He now (1903) resides on a farm in Taylor Township, Union Co., Ohio. Mr. Mitchell was married, 28 Dec. 1887, by Rev. B. F. Thomas to Ollie Grant Blake, born 9 June 1864, in Milford Center, Ohio, where she united with the M. E. Church in 1884. She is a daughter of Henry Blake, born in Vermont, and Mary Jane (Courtney) Blake, born in New York. They have one child:

HAZEL GRACE MITCHELL,¹¹ b. near Chuckery, Ohio, 10 Aug. 1889.

GEORGE ROSS MITCHELL,¹⁰ born 9 July 1871, in Union Co., Ohio. United, 1882, with the M. E. Church at Chuckery, Ohio, where he is assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, also president of the Epworth League. He owns a part of the old home farm where he now resides. He was married, 28 Dec. 1893, by Rev. J. R. Hunter, to Etta May McClimans, born 24 Sept. 1873 in Milford Center, Ohio. She united with the M. E. Church at Irwin, Ohio, in 1891. Her parents were Samuel S. McClimans, born in Madison Co., Ohio, and Ann (Needham) McClimans, born in Virginia. Children, born near Chuckery, Ohio:

LEONA AGNES MITCHELL,¹¹ b. 4 Jan. 1895.

PAULINE IORA MITCHELL,¹¹ b. 7 Jan. 1896.

LEWIS M. MITCHELL¹¹ (twin), b. 27 Sept. 1900.

WILLIAM M. MITCHELL¹¹ (twin), b. 27 Sept. 1900.

GUY DUFFIELD MITCHELL,¹⁰ born in Union Co., Ohio, 15 July 1880. He united with the M. E. church at Chuckery, Ohio, in 1891. Married, 7 Jan. 1903, in Milford Center, Ohio, by Rev. Mr. Steele, to Dessie R. Bigelow, born near Chuckery, Ohio; daughter of Alpheus R. and Harriet (Parthemore) Bigelow.

458. ORSON PARLEY CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸ (378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born 27 May 1842, on a farm near Mechanicsburg, Champaign Co., Ohio, where he lived until about five years of age, when his father moved to Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio. There the family resided, and there Mr. Converse lived with his father and worked on a farm most of the time until he became of age, attending district school three months of the year, his only schooling. He volunteered, as a private in Company E, 86 Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 3 June 1862, and re-enlisted in Company B, of the same regiment. He was appointed First Orderly Sergeant in 1863. He suffered a sunstroke and was discharged from the service on account of disability in August of that year; he has been granted a pension.

Mr. Converse was ticket, freight and express agent on the P. C. and St. L. Railway, at Unionville, for several years, during which time he taught school about five months in the year in order to support himself and family while he was reading law.

He was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Court of Ohio, 16 January 1875 and was admitted to practice in the United States Court, 10 December 1884.

About 1 March 1876 he moved to Columbus, Ohio, and entered into the practice of his profession in that city, and remained there until March 1881 when he moved to London, Madison Co., Ohio, and formed a partnership with John C. McCloud and Richard H. McCloud under the firm name of McClouds & Converse. He is now engaged in practice in London, Ohio, with Richard H. McCloud, under the same firm name (the senior member of the firm, John C. McCloud, having died several years ago).

Mr. Converse is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of London, Ohio, and has been Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said church ever since 1889. He has been a member of Chandler Lodge, No. 311, Free and Accepted Masons of London, Ohio, for many years, and is a member of Lyon Post, No. 121, Grand Army of the Republic; is a past Post Commander of said Post, and has held most of the important positions in the Post.

He never held any civil office except the position of Justice of the Peace, and that when he was quite young. His present home is in London, Madison Co., Ohio. Mr. Converse was married, in Milford Center, Union Co., Ohio, 27 December 1863, by J. B. Whelpley, J. P., to Emeline Cramer, born 7 February 1841, near Richwood, Ohio.

Children:

WALTER CRAMER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, 9 Sept. 1865: married, 10 April 1889, in London, Ohio, by Theodore Hill, J. P., to Clara Francis Emery, born near Concord, Ohio, 26 March 1871. Mr. Converse resides in London, Madison Co., Ohio, and is engaged in the hardware business. He is a member of the League of American Wheelmen. One daughter: MARGARET A. CONVERSE,¹¹ b. in London, Ohio, 13 Jan. 1890.

CALEB HAMILTON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Unionville Center, 20 Nov. 1867; resides in London, Ohio; married there, by Rev. J. A. Ewalt, 29 July 1889, to Helen Frances Peck, born near Richmond, Ind., 29 May 1869. Two children:

HARRY BOOTH CONVERSE,¹¹ b. 15 June 1894.

FRANCES FLORENCE CONVERSE,¹¹ b. 28 July 1897; d. 10 Dec. 1897.

459. JOHN QUINCY CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸ (378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born at Mechanicsburg, Champaign Co., Ohio, 8 November 1844. He received a common-school education. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he enlisted for three years in Company I, 121st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into service 11 September 1862.

He participated in the battle of Perryville, Ky., 8 October 1862, and served in the Army of the Cumberland to the close of the war.

He was severely wounded in the abdomen and hip at Kennesaw Mt., Ga., 27

June 1864, on account of which he was absent from duty at the front, four months. He reported to his regiment in time to take part in Sherman's "March to the Sea," and thence through all the service to the close of the war, Bentonville, N. C., being the last battle. He served successively as private, corporal and sergeant.

Mr. Converse worked at farming for several years, but severe wounds unfitted him for such occupation, and he engaged in watch-making at Urbana, Ohio, with his father-in-law, William H. Baxter, and in 1875 he established a jewelry and book business at Plain City, Ohio, where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Converse was commissioned Captain of Company I, 14th Regiment, Ohio National Guard in February 1878, and served three years. He became an Odd Fellow in 1875, and has filled all the chairs in a Subordinate Lodge. He is a member of Harry Scribner Post, No. 222, Grand Army of the Republic; has held every office in the Post, and has served on both Department and National Staff duty. He has served as local agent for the Adams Express Co. in Plain City Ohio, since 1882.

He is, at present, President of the "Converse Association," which holds its annual meeting near Plain City, Ohio, on the second Wednesday in August. Mr. Converse was married, 28 March 1866, at Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, by Rev. F. F. Lewis, to Mary Isabelle Baxter, who was born at Piqua, Ohio, 25 July 1842, daughter of William H. and Cynthia (Smith) Baxter.

Children of John Quincy and Mary Isabella (Baxter) Converse:

NETTIE IRENE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 18 Feb. 1867; died in Plain City, Ohio, 23 March 1867.

MYRTA QUINETTA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio, 29 March 1868; died in Urbana, Ohio, 19 May 1893; married, in Plain City, Ohio, 25 Jan. 1887, to Abraham Lincoln Wagner. They had a daughter:

MYRTA Q. WAGNER,¹¹ b. in Urbana, Ohio, 11 May 1893; now living with her grandparents in Plain City, Ohio.

CYNTHIA LULA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 19 Nov. 1872; died in Plain City, Ohio, 21 Nov. 1876.

CURTIS LEIGH CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio, 10 Dec. 1877; was graduated from the Plain City High School in 1895. He attended the Ohio State University in 1896. He entered the Law School at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1897, from which he was graduated in 1900; he is now in a law office at San Francisco, Cal.

460. BUSHROD W. CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸ (378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 20 July 1850, near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio; married, 5 October 1872, to Sarah E. Rice. They now reside on the "Home Farm."

Children:

ALBERT B. CONVERSE,¹⁰ born near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, 6 June 1873; mar-

ried Bertha, daughter of William and Jennie (Harris) Curry and has one daughter:
RUTH CONVERSE,¹¹ b. 4 Dec. 1901.

GRACE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 20 July 1874; died 30 Aug. 1874.

ALBA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born near Unionville Center, Ohio, 16 Sept. 1876.

INFANT,¹⁰ born and died in Aug. 1878.

INFANT,¹⁰ born 8 July 1879; died 10 July 1879.

461. ORINDA J. CONVERSE⁹ (*Caleb Hemenway*⁸ (378), *Parley*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, 13 February 1853; died in Cambridge, Ohio, 13 February 1901; married near Unionville Center, Union Co., Ohio, by Rev. W. H. H. Wolfe, 1 December 1869, to Elon Edmund Smith, merchant, of Cambridge, Ohio. Mr. Smith was born in Union Co., Ohio, 30 July 1848; son of Edmund D. Smith, born in Vermont, and Lavinia (Bailey) Smith, born in Wilmington, Essex Co., N. Y.

Children of Elon Edmund and Orinda J. (Converse) Smith:

HARRY EDMUND SMITH,¹⁰ born near Plain City, Ohio, 8 Nov. 1870; engaged in wholesale mercantile business in Columbus, Ohio, and also in retail business in Cambridge, Ohio, with his father; married in Wooster, Ohio, by Rev. Mr. Thompson, 7 Oct. 1893, to E. Gertrude Robinson, born in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 1 June 1872, daughter of Aaron Black Robinson. Her father was born in Darby Township, Union Co., Ohio. Her mother, Keziah (Wilkins) Robinson, was born in York Township, Union Co., Ohio. Child of Harry Edmund and E. Gertrude (Robinson) Smith:

MARTHA EVELYN SMITH,¹¹ b. in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 9 May 1894.

ELON EARLE SMITH,¹⁰ born near Plain City, Ohio, 22 March 1886.

462. AUGUSTINE CONVERSE⁹ (*Jasper Rand*⁸ (386), *Squire*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 26 July 1835, near Plain City, Ohio; died in Columbus, Ohio, 23 April 1888. He attended the district schools of his vicinity and in the neighboring village of Plain City, and resided upon the farm, on which he was born, until the spring of 1870, devoting his attention mainly to the raising of cattle and sheep.

His farm contained 464 acres. In the year 1871 he removed to Columbus, Ohio, and there engaged with three associates in dealing in real estate. These partners under the firm name of Collins, Atkinson, Guitner and Converse, purchased land, divided it into lots, and sold three Additions in the northwestern part of the city. The business proving successful was conducted by them or their heirs until 1893.

In 1873, Mr. Converse, in partnership with several others organized the Wassall Fire Clay Company, for the purpose of manufacturing fire-brick, terra cotta ware and, later, sewer-pipe and paving brick. He was a director of this Company

until his death; during a part of the time was vice president; and from 1881 to 1884 served as its superintendent.

Mr. Converse united with the Converse Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in 1854 and in 1882 he became a member of the High Street Congregational church, in Columbus, Ohio, of which he had previously been chosen a trustee, in which capacity he served until his death, being an enthusiastic and stanch supporter of the church, both by his influence and his means.

He was a man of unquestioned integrity, whose judgment was sought and valued, and who commanded the confidence and respect of his business associates and of all who knew him. His employes found him a kind and considerate master, and the poor and distressed did not appeal to him in vain.

Full of sympathy, tender-hearted, loving good literature, he exercised an uplifting influence upon the community in which he lived. He was married, 30 September 1858, in Darby Township, Madison Co., Ohio, by Rev. Wharton, to Lucy Annette Sager or Sayer, born 18 June 1838, on a farm near Unionville, Darby Township, Union Co., Ohio.

Children:

EDWARD JASPER CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 6 Oct. 1865, near Plain City, Ohio. He removed with his parents to Columbus, Ohio, in April 1871. He attended the public schools of Columbus, and the Ohio State University, receiving from the latter institution the degree of B. A. in 1886. He then studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1890, and practised law in Columbus, Ohio, until 1893, when he entered the Yale Divinity School, from which he received the degree of B.D. in 1896.

He became a member of the High Street Congregational Church in 1882, was Superintendent of its Sunday School from 1888 to 1891, and in 1888 succeeded his father as trustee of the church, in which capacity he continued until 1893.

After leaving the Yale Divinity School, he preached in Maine for one year, and in 1897, became Assistant Pastor of the First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, which position he still occupies.

A CHILD,¹⁰ died at birth.

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463. CANDACE ANN CONVERSE⁹ (*Asa*⁸ (387), *Squire*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Union County, near Plain City, Ohio, 28 March 1839; married 24 September 1857, Josiah Jacob Morelock, born in Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.; died in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 27 October 1899. She received a good common-school education, which enabled her to follow teaching for some years. She removed with her parents to Plain City, Ohio, in 1853. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For four years after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Morelock resided in

Plain City, where Mr. Morelock was engaged in business as a tanner. They then removed to Marysville, Ohio, where he became interested in farming and stock-raising. He was son of Michael Morelock, who was born in Carroll Co., Md., and Annamary (Weaver) Morelock, born near Manchester, Md.

Children of Josiah Jacob and Candace Ann (Converse) Morelock:

INFANT,¹⁰ born and died, 10 Sept. 1859.

CHARLES ALBERT MORELOCK,¹⁰ born in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 13 Feb. 1863. He received a high-school education; engaged successfully in farming and stock-raising; residence, Marysville, Ohio. He was married 1 Sept. 1888, to Eva Sophia Ferris, born in Plain City, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Henry and Polly (Bigelow) Ferris. Mrs. Morelock is a graduate of the Marysville High School. Child:

ASA FERRIS MORELOCK,¹¹ b. 30 Aug. 1889.

ANNAMARY MORELOCK,¹⁰ born 27 Jan. 1865, in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio; a graduate of the Marysville High School; a member of the M. E. Church; resides with her mother.

464. ALBERT NEWTON CONVERSE⁶ (*Asa*⁸ (387), *Squire*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Union County, near Plain City, Ohio, 5 July 1841; in 1853 removed with his parents to Plain City; clerk in his father's store there from 1860 until 11 August 1862, when he enlisted for three years as a private in Co. K, 95th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and, at the close of the Rebellion, received an honorable discharge.

In 1866 he went into partnership with his father in mercantile business, and remained with him until 1870 when he sold his interest and began business for himself in a "general store."

In 1870 he was commissioned as Postmaster at Darby Creek, and the same year was again commissioned as Postmaster at Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, the name of the post-office having been changed. He served, under the two commissions, ten years. On account of poor health he was obliged to resign, and went to farming. He now owns fifty-five acres of the Rev. Jeremiah Converse farm, on which a few of the old seedling apple trees still stand; also seventy-nine acres of the Silas Converse farm; these tracts having been in the Converse family since their first settlement in 1814. Mr. Converse was married, 15 February 1866, at Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, to Mary Elizabeth Snodgrass, born 18 June 1842, in West Jefferson, Madison Co., Ohio. She is a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Callaway) Snodgrass.

Children:

FRENCH CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 21 Feb. 1867; died 13 Nov. 1867; buried near Plain City, Ohio

MINNIE MYRTLE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio, 16 April 1868, where she attended High School; later she removed with her parents to the farm where she now resides.

HARRY CLIFFORD CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio 6 Dec. 1869; removed to the farm with his parents. He was married 12 March 1902, in Plain City, by Rev. N. A. Palmer, to Pina Ann Dildine, daughter of Hosea Britton and Catherine (Wilkin) Dildine, who were born in Virginia. In 1900, he worked in the South for the Postal Telegraph Co. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. They now reside on a farm near Plain City, Ohio.

LEE CLYDE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio, 7 March 1872. He removed with his parents to the farm, and married in Plain City, Ohio, 2 Sept. 1900, Nettie Louisa Temple, born near Plain City, 8 Feb. 1882; daughter of John and Sarah (Holycross) Temple. They have a son:

CLYDE EMERSON CONVERSE,¹¹ b. 5 May 1901.

DAISY MAUD CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 23 June 1874; died 2 Sept. 1875; buried near Plain City Ohio.

GERTRUDE INEZ CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in Plain City, Ohio, 1 Jan. 1876. Attended the district school, and later the College at Ada, Ohio; now living on the farm with her parents.

BABE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 9 April 1878; died 25 Sept. 1879; buried near Plain City, Ohio.

EDITH ALBERTA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 19 Aug. 1884, on the farm, where she died 19 Jan. 1892; buried in Forest Grove Cemetery, Plain City, Ohio.

465. HOWARD JEREMIAH CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Jeremiah⁸ (388), Jeremiah⁷ Jr., Rev. Jeremiah⁶, Capt. Pain⁵, Pain⁴, Samuel³, Sergeant Samuel², Deacon Edward¹*), born near Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, 2 Sept. 1851. He obtained a common-school education in the district schools, and, in the year 1873, left for New York City where he was employed as bookkeeper for the firm of M. D. Converse & Co., at number 68 Park Place. Returning in 1875, he began teaching in the district schools of his neighborhood.

At the close of sixteen years of successful school work, owing to poor health he reluctantly abandoned its arduous duties, to seek an occupation with more healthful surroundings. This he found in the profession of a civil engineer, in which work he is now engaged. He owns a part of the home farm where he resides.

He was married in Plain City, Ohio, 1 January 1879, by Rev. J. E. Rudisil at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Barlow, foster parents of the bride, to Rose Faulkner, who was born in Oswego, N. Y., 21 October 1855. Her father was born in Buckingham, England, and her mother in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Howard Jeremiah Converse has rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of a portion of this work, having compiled most of the record herein contained of the descendants of Rev. Jeremiah Converse.

Child of Howard J. and Rose (Faulkner) Converse:

MAUD CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 21 Nov. 1879; died 23 Nov. 1892.

466. ELDEN GAY CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Jeremiah⁸ (388), Jeremiah,⁷ Jr., Rev. Jeremiah,⁶ Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born near Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, 20 July 1854, died 1 October 1901. He obtained a common-school education in the district schools, and in them taught a number of terms 1874—1880.

During the next ten years he worked at the carpenter trade. In 1891, he removed with his family to Columbus, Ohio, and became identified with the Architectural Iron Works under the firm name of Bradley and Converse.

Two years later, he withdrew from the firm and became a contractor for house building, in which he was engaged until the year 1900 when failing health compelled him to abandon all work.

He was married 10 April 1879, at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. N. A. Saxton to Sarah Eva Worthington, born near Plain City, Ohio, 5 August 1854, daughter of John H. and Candace (Smith) Worthington. Her father was born in Connecticut and her mother on a farm near Plain City, Ohio.

Children, born near Plain City:

URTON CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 27 March 1880; attended public schools in Columbus, Ohio, until 1898, when he was employed by the Columbus Pharmacy Co. until failing health compelled him, in 1899, to seek a more healthful climate. He went to Colorado, returning in June 1900, to Columbus, where he now (1902) resides with his mother at 361 West 4th Ave.

BRUCE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 10 Dec. 1885.

FLORENCE CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 21 Aug. 1888.

467. AVIS INEZ CONVERSE⁹ (*Dr. Jeremiah⁸ (388), Jeremiah,⁷ Jr., Rev. Jeremiah,⁶ Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born near Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, 28 January 1858. She attended the district schools, and obtained a common-school education. She taught for a number of terms. For a year after her marriage she resided at the home of her parents.

In 1880 she removed with her family to Columbus, Ohio, where they lived until 1894, when they moved to Bloomington, Ill., but soon after settled in Normal, Ill., where they now reside.

She was married, at the home of her parents, by Rev. J. E. Rudisil, 28 October 1879, to Charles F. Crawson, born 24 September 1852, in Farmingdale, L. I., a son of James Jr. and Mary J. Crawson.

Children of Charles F. and Avis Inez (Converse) Crawson:

EDNA LEONA CRAWSON,¹⁰ born near Plain City, Ohio, 5 Nov. 1880; was graduated in 1894, from Columbus, Ohio, High Schools, and in 1901 from the Illinois State Normal University; teaching (1902) in Fithian, Ill.

CLARENCE HEMENWAY CRAWSON,¹⁰ born in Columbus, Ohio, 25 Jan. 1883.

MABEL CRAWSON,¹⁰ born in Columbus, Ohio, 5 July 1885.

HELEN CRAWSON,¹⁰ born in Columbus, Ohio, 31 March 1892.

GLADYS CRAWSON,¹⁰ born in Bloomington, Ill., 2 June 1897; died the same day.

HAZEL CRAWSON,¹⁰ born in Bloomington, Ill., 23 Sept. 1898; died 24 Sept. 1898.

468. CLAYTON GARDNER CONVERSE⁹ (*Blinn*⁸ (396), *Caleb Winship Burton*,⁷ *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Panton, Vt., 10 June 1865. At the age of fifteen he entered the service of the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad as fireman, firing a passenger engine for his father. At the age of twenty, he was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer. About two years later he left the road above mentioned to engage as engineer on the Sioux City and Northern Railroad, where he remained about eight years, at the end of which time he accepted a like situation on the Chicago and Great Western Railroad. Two years afterward he removed with his family to the State of Washington to enter the service of the Great Northern Railroad as locomotive engineer. He is still employed there. He married, in Windom, Minn., 15 May 1889, Evaulette Steadman, of Windom, who was born in Goodhue Co., Minn., 5 February 1867. Her father was Squire B. Steadman, born in Henrietta, Loraine Co., Ohio, 7 October 1830, died in Riverside, Cal., 2 June 1896. Her mother was Angeline H. Thomas, born in Hubbardton, Rutland Co., Vt., 3 August 1837.

Children of Clayton Gardner and Evaulette (Steadman) Converse:

ARTHUR BLINN CONVERSE,¹⁰ born in St. James, Minn., 6 March 1890.

LETA CONVERSE,¹⁰ born 20 Aug. 1891.

469. WINNIE LURA CONVERSE⁹ (*Blinn*⁸ (396), *Caleb Winship Burton*,⁷ *Alfred*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Minneapolis, Minn., 24 June 1867; attended school in St. James, Minn., and St. Paul, Minn., until she was eighteen; married 1 September, 1886, Samuel Thomas Pomp Kinsey of St. Paul, who was born in Reading, Pa., 21 July 1862, son of Thomas Pomp and Ellen (Peacock) Kinsey.

He was then and is now (1901) a foreman in the large printing house of McGill, Warner and Company in St. Paul, in which city he and his family reside.

Children:

SON,¹⁰ born 18 Feb. 1889; died at birth.

HELEN MARGARET KINSEY,¹⁰ born in South Park, Minn., 8 Nov. 1891.

GLADYS BERNICE KINSEY,¹⁰ born in South Park, Minn., 28 Aug. 1899.

Tenth Generation.

470. WILLARD LINCOLN CONVERSE¹⁰ (*Samuel Ambrose*⁹ (413), *Willard*,⁸ *Amasa*,⁷ *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Sumner township, Winnesheik County, Ia., 26 March 1870, received a good education in the district schools, working on his father's farm during vacations. He was graduated from the Cresco High School in 1889. In 1895, he received from the State University of Iowa, the degree of Ph.B. He had taken a law course with his collegiate course, and was admitted to practice in 1895, and in September of that year opened a law office by himself in Cresco, where he has ever since enjoyed a lucrative and increasing practice. In 1898, he was elected County Attorney for Howard County, Ia., and was re-elected in 1900. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Cresco Lodge 269 and of the M. W. A.

While at the University, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and of Zetagathian Literary Society. He was principal catcher of the 'Varsity base ball nine for three seasons; and, in 1894, played left half-back for the 'Varsity foot ball team. He was, for a time, editor-in-chief of the S. U. I. Quill, a weekly student publication, and was editor-in-chief of the Junior Annual, issued by his class. In his Senior year, he was cadet captain of the battery. He joined the Congregational Church of Cresco, Iowa, in 1897.

He was married in Sioux City, Ia. (Rev. Mr. Darling officiating), on the 6th of September 1896, to Eva Mary Kleckner, daughter of Isaac Franklin and Emma Trask (Robinson) Kleckner. Their former home was at Freeport, Ill. Isaac Franklin Kleckner died at Sioux City, Ia.

Eva Mary (Kleckner) Converse was born at Freeport, Ill., Oct. 18, 1871. She is a graduate of Iowa State University; a member of the Congregational Church.

Children of Willard Lincoln and Eva Mary (Kleckner) Converse:

DOROTHY CONVERSE,¹¹ born 21 June 1897.

RICHARD ROBINSON CONVERSE,¹¹ born 23 July 1899.

HENRY WILLARD CONVERSE,¹¹ born 18 May 1902.

471. MYRON BEECHER CONVERSE¹⁰ (*Samuel Ambrose*⁹ (413), *Willard*,⁸ *Amasa*,⁷ *Robert*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

Myron Beecher Converse, son of Samuel Ambrose and Ellen (Munson) Converse, was born on the farm in Sumner Township, Winnesheik County, Ia., 31 August 1875. He attended district school, working on his father's farm during vacations, and later entered the Cresco High School, from which he was graduated in 1894, since which time he has worked on his father's fine stock farm at Cresco, Ia. He is the manager of this farm. He has been a member of the Woodmen of the World since August 1899, a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1896. He recently joined Co. I of the Iowa National Guards, stationed at Cresco. He has been a member of the First Congregational Church of Cresco, since December 1897.

He married, 1 November 1897, Clara Susan Frost, daughter of William and Sarah Jane (Vale) Frost. Rev. O. H. Holmes officiated at the wedding, which took place at the Frost farm residence near Lime Springs, Ia.

Clara Susan (Frost) Converse was born on her father's farm in New Oregon Township, Howard County, Ia., 10 August 1875. She is a member of the First Congregational Church of Cresco. She is also a member of the Cresco Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F.

William Frost was born in England, 4 August 1838, and came from Devonshire, England, to America in 1865, his family coming a year later. Sarah Jane (Vale) Frost was born 4 April 1843; died in Howard County, Ia., 31 Dec. 1884.

Child of Myron Beecher and Clara Susan (Frost) Converse:

LEONARD SAMUEL CONVERSE,¹¹ born 12 August 1900.

472. VERNON GEORGE CONVERSE¹⁰ (*George Cassenden*⁹ (417), *Sibley*,⁸ *Willard*,⁷ *Daniel*,⁶ *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 26 April 1871; educated in public schools of Brookfield, Mass.; was graduated in mechanical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1892, and in the same year entered the employ of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. In 1893 he engaged with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburg, Pa., with whom he remained until 1898. He now (1902) resides in Pittsburg, Pa., and is President and General Manager of The Converse Transformer Co., and proprietor of the Converse Printing Co., both Pittsburg firms. He is an engineer of the Telluride Power Company of Colorado, Utah, and Montana, and is connected with the Hemingway Glass Company of Muncie, Ind., in the manufacture of high voltage insulators. He is an electrical engineer by profession, giving special attention to the transmission of power at high voltages. A very prominent feature of his work so far has been his achievements in connection with high voltage power trans-

mission experiments in Colorado, in 1895 and 1896. These experiments must be considered as the commencement of the transmission of electrical power at very high voltages and for long distances in this country. The Converse transformer holds the record of being used solely on the highest voltage plants since the experiments mentioned above. The "Provo" type insulator is of Mr. Converse's design, and is representative in high voltage transmissions. Mr. Converse is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was married in Pittsburg, by Rev. R. S. Holmes, 15 June 1898, to Evelyn Evans, daughter of Joseph B. and Susannah (Denny) Evans.

Children:

EVERLYN HOWE CONVERSE,¹¹ born in Pittsburg, Pa., 4 May 1899; died there 25 Dec. 1899; buried in Brookfield, Mass.

SUE DENNY CONVERSE,¹¹ born in Pittsburg, Pa., 30 July 1901.

473. LENNA ELIZA CONVERSE¹⁰ (*Charles Howard*⁹ (428), *Calvin*,⁸ *Joshua*,⁷ *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 7 September 1855; attended High School; taught school two seasons. She was married, in Fort Atkinson, Wis.,



Mrs. Lenna Eliza (Converse) Coe.



Rensselaer Jay Coe.

21 December 1874, to Rensselaer Jay Coe. They reside in Fort Atkinson where Mr. Coe is a member of the firm of Coe and Converse, nurserymen and fruit growers. He was born in Stockbridge, Madison Co., N. Y., 6 July 1849, son of Rensselaer and Sarah (Powers) Coe. He is a descendant of Robert Coe who came to this country from Long Melford, Suffolk Co., England, with his wife, Anna, and three sons in June 1634, landing in Boston, and settling first in Watertown, Mass., and finally in Jamaica, N. Y. His ancestor Roger Coe (or Coe) was

put to death by Queen Mary, in September 1555 at Yexford, as told in Fox's Book of Martyrs. Mrs. Sarah (Powers) Coe was from Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y. Her grandfather was a soldier in the American Revolution. Rensselaer J. Coe is a Conductor of the State Farm Institutes, which are connected with the State University and under the control of the University. He is also Secretary of the Wisconsin Rib River Land Company. Since the above record was made the Coe and Converse nursery firm have joined forces with J. M. Edwards and Son and F. C. Edwards, all being incorporated in a Stock company, capital \$50,000, under the name of The Coe, Converse and Edwards Company. Mrs. Lenna Eliza (Converse) Coe is a member of the M. E. Church. She is a Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle graduate. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Children of Rensselaer J. and Lenna Eliza (Converse) Coe:

GERTRUDE ZELLA COE,¹¹ born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 10 Feb. 1882; graduate of Fort Atkinson High School; member M. E. Church and Epworth League; member of the Young Women's Christian Association at Whitewater, Wis., where she is now (1901) a senior in the State Normal School. She is also a Loyal Temperance Legion graduate; a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and holds the position of State Superintendent of the Flower Mission Department of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

(Since the above was written she has been graduated at the State Normal School in Whitewater, Wis., and, in 1902, is teaching in the Beloit, Wis., public schools.

SARA CONVERSE COE,¹¹ born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 30 May 1884; senior in High School in 1901; member of the M. E. Church and Epworth League.

474. DARWIN CLARENCE CONVERSE¹⁰ (*Charles Howard*⁹ (428), *Calvin*,⁸ *Joshua*,⁷ *Capt. Josiah*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 18 January 1862. He is a high school graduate; C. L. S. C. graduate; taught school several years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an official board member of the same. He resides in Fort Atkinson, Wis., where he is a member of the firm of Coe and Converse, nurserymen and fruit growers. He married, first, in March 1893, Medora Pease, daughter of Rev. Mr. Pease of Wisconsin Conference. She died one year later, and he married, second, 19 June 1895, Helen Asenath Powers, daughter of Wilber and Matilda (Austin) Powers of Oneida Castle, N. Y. They have two children:



Darwin Clarence Converse.

DARWIN WILBER CONVERSE,¹¹ born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 5 July 1897.

HELEN LOUISE CONVERSE,¹¹ born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 1 Nov. 1900.

475. DR. ELMER ALPHEUS CONVERSE¹⁰ (*Dr. Lucius Rodney*⁹ (453), *John Nelson*,⁸ *Sanford*,⁷ *Rev. Jeremiah*,⁶ *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born 25 June 1851. He worked on a farm during the summers, and attended school during the winters until eighteen years of age. He taught writing school one year. He studied medicine under the tutorship of J. L. Morgan, old school, for three years. He studied under an eclectic physician for eighteen months, matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated from the same in 1887. He is a member of Ohio State and of the Indiana State Medical Association, and Ex-president of the Indiana Medical Association. Is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Modern Woodmen of America and has been camp physician, also Secretary of the Board of Health of Brownstown, Ind. He joined the Presbyterian Church in Van Wert Co., Ohio, in 1882, and was an ardent worker in church and Sunday School. He served as an elder in the church.

He lives now in Seymour, Ind., where he practises his profession. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at that place.

Dr. Converse married, 10 June 1874, Mary E. Gifford, of Atkinson, Ill.

Children:

RAY VICTOR CONVERSE,¹¹ born 3 Oct. 1875. Graduated in medicine from Bennett College, Chicago, in June 1901; now practising his profession in Indianapolis, Ind.; married, 24 June 1898, to Miss M. E. Sturgeon of Tampico, Ind. One son:

COSTELLO STURGEON CONVERSE,¹² born 20 April 1899.

GEORGE LEROY CONVERSE,¹¹ born 5 Feb. 1878; lives in Chicago, Ill.

RALPH MORRIS CONVERSE,¹¹ born 15 Oct. 1880. Studying pharmacy in Chicago.

WILLIAM IRVING CONVERSE,¹¹ born 8 May 1884. Attending school in Brownstown, Ind.

LAWRENCE RODNEY CONVERSE,¹¹ born 13 Feb. 1886.

Appendix 1.

**AMERICAN ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
OF HEMAN ALLEN OF MILTON AND
BURLINGTON, VERMONT.**

The following is the line of descent of Sarah Allen,
who married Rev. John Kendrick Converse* (75):

- I. CORPORAL EDWARD ALLEN.
- II. EDWARD ALLEN, JR.
- III. SAMUEL ALLEN.
- IV. CORPORAL ENOCH ALLEN.
- V. HON. HEMAN ALLEN, M. C.
- VI. SARAH ALLEN.

Allen Family.

CORPORAL EDWARD ALLEN of Ipswich, according to tradition, came from Scotland, and had been a soldier under Cromwell. He was as early as 1658 of Ipswich, Mass. In 1662, he was occupying the farm in Ipswich owned by Rev. John Norton formerly of Ipswich, who had been preaching in Boston since 1652. In 1670 Edward Allen* possessed a farm in Ipswich and that year his barn with sixty loads of barley was burned by lightning. He removed to Suffield where he had purchased 180 acres in 1678 for himself and sons, and there he died 21 November 1696, leaving an estate inventoried at £257. From 1689 to 1691, inclusive, he was one of the selectmen of Suffield. Under date of 16 December 1695, the following entry appears on the church records "Corporall Allyn, in reference to his wife being thick of hearing, it was granted that he should have liberty to make a seat before, or just under the pulpit, somewhat higher than other seats, for the better accomodating to hear the word dispensed."

Edward Allen married in Ipswich, 24 November 1658, Sarah, daughter of

*Mr. Edward Allen, "gentleman," one of the original proprietors and first settlers at Dedham, from a reference in the account of the formation of the Dedham church written by John Allen, the first pastor, - who came from Norfolk, and settled in Dedham in 1637, - appears formerly to have been connected with the Watertown settlement. He was the first town clerk of Dedham and served as such, except in 1640, from 1636 until his death. He was of the first board of Selectmen, chosen in 1639, and also Selectman in 1641 and 1642. He was Deputy to the General Court in 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642; and died in attendance. He was Commissioner appointed to end small causes at Dedham, Clerk of the writs, and Registrar of births, etc. He was the most prominent of the first company to settle at Dedham, and acted as agent or factor for English correspondents (see Aspinwall's Notarial Records). His nephew John Newton lived in Dedham, and may have gone to England in 1646 (General Court Records). Edward Allen disposed of his estate by a nuncupative will as testified by Francis Pembroke, 29-8th mo [October] 1642 (Suffolk Deeds 1, 34), to his kinsmen John Newton and Edward Allen, who jointly receive their proportions of plough lands in the division of 6-12th mo. [March] 1642 (Town Records). The younger Edward Allen, 29 August 1652, calling himself of Boston, merchant, for himself and for his cousin John Newton, gentleman, of Orentum, Co. Suffolk, England, sells 350 acres land at Bogestow, part of their uncle's estate (Suffolk Deeds, 1, 232). As the connection of this younger Edward Allen with any of the founders of the Allen families in New England has not been made clear, Savage's guess as to his identity being erroneous, this brief statement of the facts may serve to prevent any confounding of the several Edward Allens who early appear in New England, but who, except as above indicated, had no known or probable connection with one another. It is not impossible that Edward Allen of Ipswich was that younger Edward Allen, who, like his cousin John New-

Richard Kimball of Ipswich, formerly of Rattlesden, Suffolk, England. She died 12 June 1696, aged about fifty six years. Two of her brothers were killed by Indians, Caleb Kimball who served under Lothrop, at Bloody Brook, 18 September 1675, and Thomas Kimball at Rowley the following year. The Kimballs, or as the name was formerly spelled Kembold, are mentioned in the will of Henry Kembold of Hecham, 1558, as owning lands in Rattlesden (Waters' Gleanings, page 1412).

RICHARD KIMBALL (or Kemball) of the parish of Rattlesden, county of Suffolk, England, sailed from Ipswich, England, to this country in the ship "Elizabeth," William Andrews, Master, in 1634. His first wife (mother of Sarah Allen) was Ursula, daughter of Henry Scott of Rattlesden, England. Richard Kimball first settled in Watertown, Mass.: was made freeman 6 May 1635; and was a proprietor in 1636-7. Soon after, he removed to Ipswich, as he was a wheelwright, and a competent man was wanted there as wheelwright to the new settlement; and he spent the remainder of his days there. He had a grant of 40 acres there. He was mentioned as "among the commoners of Ipswich," and was appointed one of the seven men 1 March 1645. He died 22 June 1675. His great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Abigail (Eastman) Webster, was the mother of Daniel Webster, the statesman. (From History of the Kimball Family in America, by Leonard Allison Morrison, A.M., and Stephen Paschall Sharples, S.B., published by Damrell & Upham, Boston, 1897.)

ton, may have gone to England, but later returned to New England and settled in Ipswich, perhaps at the suggestion of Rev. John Norton. Lacking positive affirmation by records or contemporary statement it is sometimes necessary to consider matters which may throw side light, but which, in view of the absence of facts, should not have too much stress laid upon them, however plausible a theory may be constructed. The suggestions of Willard in History of Greenfield, Mass., and of Sheldon in History of Suffield, as to the origin of Edward Allen of Ipswich, the former suggesting descent from, the latter confounding him in part with Edward Allen of Dedham, were based upon more scanty information than we now possess. Mr. O. P. Allen, the genealogist of the Allen families, writes: "There were in Dedham about 1637-8, Rev. John Allen, Robert Allen, and the Deputy, Edward Allen, who were brothers, and James Allen, who was their cousin or nephew, but I have no reason to suppose that Edward Allen, of Deerfield, bore any relation to them, nor have I ever seen any proof offered in support of such claims. When Rev. John Allen died in 1671, he mentioned in his will his kinsman, Robert, and cousin James, and no doubt, if Edward of Deerfield had been a kinsman, he would have noted the fact." Mr. Allen also calls attention to the probable discrepancy in ages of these various Edward Allens, early in New England.

There is no record to show that Edward Allen, the nephew of the Deputy, was a merchant for long in New England, or with extensive dealings. Many a merchant became a planter. The deputy himself was both merchant and planter, — and "gentleman" as well. During that period in which there is no record in New England of Edward, the nephew of the Deputy, the service as a soldier under Cromwell, ascribed by tradition to Corporal Edward, could have been rendered. If the nephew returned to England in 1646 with his cousin, John Newton, and came back to this country in 1652, he was in England during the whole of the second civil war, the most critical part of Cromwell's career, and might well have fought in the army and again have returned to New England. The coincidences are noted, not advanced as supporting any theory.

In his will, made one week before his death, Corporal Edward Allen provides for his five younger sons at Suffield, and his two younger daughters Elizabeth and Sarah. The older daughters are not mentioned and were probably both dead. He provided that Samuel should live with Benjamin, and Caleb with David, until they were twenty-one; the older brothers to teach the younger the "art or trade of a weaver," and when they came of age to build each a house, and give each a cow.

In regard to the orthography of this name, the weight of evidence is in favor of Allyn; in the body of the will of Edward and in the signature it is Allyn, but as Edward made his mark, both were by the same hand. The Judge of Probate, John Pinchon, wrote Allin in the attestation and Alline in the filing; in the inventory taken by three of his neighbors, it was Alen; Samuel Partridge, Register, wrote Alline; in 1704, Edward and John, the elder sons, wrote the name indifferently Allin, Allen, Alline. This unsettled orthography continued for several years, but Allen finally obtained preference.

Inventory of the Estate of Edward Alen Suffield, deceased, Nov. the 21: 1696.

In wearing clothes	£3	0	0
Books	1	10	0
In Bildings and Land	150	0	0
" Neat chattel	20	0	0
" horses	10	0	0
" sheep	2	0	0
" swine	12	0	0
" cart, plows and tackling	12	0	0
" two fether beds and two other beds & bedding	15	0	0
" loome and tacklin	3	0	0
" foure pots, and iron cettle	3	10	0
" two brase cettles, a brase pan and scilet	2	10	0
" two iron tramels, two pair of pot hooks and a pair of tongs	1	1	0
" a iron spit, a frying pan and slise	0	5	0
" two felling axes and a morticing ax	0	15	0
" three broad hows and two stubbing hows	1	5	0
" a beetel and three wedges	0	10	0
" other small iron tooles	0	4	0
" a warming pan, and a candlestick	0	7	0
" a box iron and heaters	0	3	0
" pewter	2	0	0
" two earthern platers and a culender	0	5	0
" two guns	2	0	0
" other household lumber	2	10	0
" new cloth, yarn and wool	3	0	0

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In sadles and bridles	2	0	0
" three sickles	0	3	0
" corne and meat	6	0	0
	257	7	0

This is a trew Inventory taken the 17, of Decembr, 1696

JOHN PENGILLY.

JONATHAN TAYLOR.

JOHN KENT.

Benj. Alline & David Alline made oath to the above Inventory that it was a true Inventory of Edward Alline, deceased his estate etc.

SAMUEL PARTRIDGE, Register."

[See H. S. Sheldon's History of Suffield, and George Sheldon's History of Deerfield.]

Children of Edward and Sarah (Kimball) Allen:

JOHN, born 9 Aug. 1659.

SARAH, born 4 July 1661; died 10 February 1662.

EDWARD,^a born 1 May 1663.

SARAH, born 1 March 1664; married, 21 April 1685, Edward Smith of Suffield.

ELIZABETH, born 20 Dec. 1666; died 16 June 1694; married, 14 Nov. 1683, William Pritchard.

WILLIAM, born 12 March 1668.

MARTHA, born —; married, 28 July 1696, Samuel Kent, Jr., of Suffield.

BENJAMIN, born Sept. 1673.

DAVID, born 1 Feb. 1675.

ABIGAIL, born 25 March 1678; married Timothy Palmer of Suffield.

SAMUEL, born 1679.

MARY, born 9 April 1683; died, unmarried, in Deerfield, 25 Oct. 1707.

CALEB, born 31 March 1685.

Second Generation.

EDWARD ALLEN,² JR. (*Corporal Edward¹*), born 1 May 1663; accompanied his father and brothers to Suffield in 1678, where he had a grant of forty acres. In 1686, he had a forty acre grant on Green River; and 9 March 1689, with his brother John, he bought sixty acres at The Bars, Deerfield, Mass. He died 10 February 1740. He was prominent in the town affairs of Deerfield, selectman, town clerk, seater-in-meeting-house, surveyor, clerk of the market, twice moderator of town meeting (1727-1731), on committee for building house for the minister, committee on highway, committee on corn mill, committee for locating houses within fortification, etc. He was active in the defence of Deerfield during King William's War, and Queen Anne's War. There is a record of petition by him, when in his sixty-second year, for exemption from watching, on account of infirmity, after having watched for forty-six years. In 1707 he was sent with three others, by Governor Dudley, to Canada, to arrange for the return of English captives there. The following account of this undertaking is from Sheldon's History of Deerfield:

THIRD EXPEDITION OF SHELDON TO CANADA.

There being still many English captives in Canada whom Vaudreuil had promised to return in the spring, Dudley proposed to the Council, January 14th, 1707, to have "a Person Ledger at Quebec, to put forward that affair, and that Mr. John Sheldon, who has been twice already, may be employed with a suitable retinue to undertake a journey thither on that service." This plan was adopted: Two men of character and standing, Edward Allen, town clerk of Deerfield, and Deacon Edmund Rice of Sudbury, were selected as a "suitable retinue." Nathaniel Brooks, a Deerfield captive, was added somewhere on the route. It was now a time of active hostilities, and this embassy though ever so wise and prudent, ran great risks. They might at any time be fired upon from some cover before their flag of truce was seen or their character discovered.

They set out April 17th, and arrived at Quebec May 9th without molestation. In a dispatch to Dudley of June 20th, Sheldon says they found the city in a fever of excitement, over news of an expedition fitting out in New England against Canada, and active preparations to repel it. Their presence was unwelcome and the "Ledger" found a less courteous reception than on his former visits. He was not imprisoned, but was kept under strict surveillance and not allowed to go home

lest he report the condition of their defences and military preparations. After about six weeks at Quebec, he was sent up to Montreal. Col. Schuyler writing to Col. Partridge, Aug. 11th, 1707, tells him that his Indian spies, just returned, report that "they see Deacon Sheldon at Montreal, who walked the streets, but was told he was detained, and had not the liberty to go home." We find no details of the negotiations for prisoners, for which there could have been but scant opportunity, in this crisis. Within three weeks after Sheldon's arrival an English army had made an attack on Port Royal. The event of the campaign being determined, the embassy was allowed to depart.

On the 11th of August, Sheldon, bearing dispatches of August 16th (N. S.) from Vaudreuil to Dudley, set out from Chambly. He was escorted by five French soldiers under Capt. de Chambly, a brother of Hertel de Rouville. They arrived at Albany August 24th, whence Sheldon wrote the Council a letter, received September 2nd, in which he says, "Col. Schuyler had obliged him, with the six Frenchmen, to attend the Lord Cornbury, at New York." This was no hardship for the Frenchmen; and it gave them greater facilities for carrying out their secret instructions. Vaudreuil gave a detailed account of this mission in his dispatches to the home government. In reply, Ponchartrain, the war minister, says:

"His Majesty approves of your haven spoken as you have done to the man named Schalden, (Sheldon), whom that Governor (Dudley) sent to you overland in quest of the English prisoners at Quebec, and even had you imprisoned him, and those of his suite, it would have been no great harm. You did well to send these prisoners to Orange, under the care of an officer, and a detachment of soldiers, and to recommend that officer to inform himself of what was passing at Orange, and in countries in that direction, in possession of the English."

Leaving New York, Sheldon's party traveled eastward, by Saybrook, New London and Seeconk, reaching Boston September 8th, when Sheldon delivered his dispatches to the Governor, and gave the Council a verbal account of his mission. He soon after went home. In October, he was sent again to Boston as an agent for the town. On the 30th, he presented to the General Court the following petition and bill of expenses:

To his Excellency & Honors—

The Petition of John Sheldon Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner, accompanied by Edward Allin & Edmund Rice and Nathaniel Brooks were ordered by your Ex'cy to undertake a Journey to Canada in order to recover the English Captives there. In obedience whereunto yr Petitioner, with the persons aforesd, began their journey on the 17th day of April last, and Proceeded to Canada, when your Petitioner faithfully & diligently pursued the sd Designe to the utmost of his power, & so far succeeded therein, as to bring home with him seven captives, and Returned home again on the 18th of Sept., In which journey yr Petitionr, with the aforesd Persons, endured much fatigue & hardship & passed through great Danger & by their absence from their Business Sustained considerable Damage:

Your Petr therefore, Humbly Praies yr Excellency & Hons to Consider the Premises, & order such Compensation & Allowance to him & those that accompanied him, in the sd service, as in your Wisdom & Justice shall be thought meet.

And your Pe'r as in Duty bound, shall ever Pray.
Boston, Oct. 30, 1707.

JOHN SHELDON.

An Account of the Sums of Disbursements of John Sheldon in his Journey to Canada, in the Service of the Massachusetts Bay, from April, 17th to the 18th of Sep. 1707, viz: with 3 men travelling with him:

Viz't from May 9th to June 25th, expended for our Diet and Washing,
To expenses for Diet & washing from June 24 to Aug. 9

Livres	sous.
174	13
142	13

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To expenses for a pr of shoes for Edw. Allin	6	
More for said Allin for tobacco	5	7
Ex for Edm. Rice for a pr shoes	6	
More for sd Rice for Tobacco	4	
Expences for Nthaniel Brooks for a pr of shoes	6	
More for tobbacoe	2	15
To an Indian to guide us into the way when bewildered	6	
Pd. to ferryman to going to Oso fort to se the captives	2	
Pd to the barber for trimming	14	
Pd for diet for Henry Segur, captive	41	
More paid for sd Segur for stockings & shoes	9	10
Pd to a man for fetching sd Segur from the Indian town to Mont Roy'l	3	
Pd for a Bottle Brandy for the voyage	10	2
Pd for a Deerskin for shoes & 3 pr Indian shoes	8	10
	443	16

	£	s	d
To further expenses at Albany in coming home for ye ffrenchmens' Diete	00	16	10
To Diet for myself		2	6
for provision and drink for our voyage from York to Seabrook		12	6
pd for our freight		8	0
pd to ye fferryman at Seabrook	00	1	4
pd for a man & horse to N London		2	0
pd for quarters at Stoningtoun		2	10
pd for shoeing horses		2	8
pd for quarters at Seaconk & Horse hire		10	6
pd Pocket expenses	3	00	00
	5	19	2

pd out of his own particular stock, viz: To money paid for hire of a man & horse to bring a Captive woman from Albany to Woodbury, and to money paid for provision for the Captives	1	19	0
		10	9
	£2	9s	6d

To pa for the Redemption of a molatto Captive, taken from Exerter 40 pieces of 8s, 8d, at 17d weight which he is to pay me.

This petition was endorsed on the back:

In the House of Representatives:

Nov. 1, 1707, In ans. to the Pet. on the other side—

Resolved that the Pet'rs Acc. herewith Presented, viz: seven Hundred Livres amounting to fifty-eight Pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence allowed out of the Province Treasury.

And for his time & Service in the affair within mentioned, the sum of fifty pounds, of which he is paid thirteen Pounds twelve shil's by a Muletto. And to each the three persons that went with him seventeen pounds apiece.

JOHN BUBRILL, Speaker.

"In consideration of his good services," 300 acres were granted the petitioner Nov. 26th, 1707.

The names of the captives brought home by Mr. Sheldon on this ill-timed mission are unknown, save as gathered from the foregoing petition and bill. Nathaniel Brooks was from Deerfield. His two children were left behind; their mother had been killed on the march. Henry Seger was son of Henry of Newtown. Of the Woodbury woman and the mulatto nothing further appears.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

Vol. 71, page 595.

An accompt of Lost Goods by Severall persons in skirmishes, post horses & other Services on publique accompts as ffolloweth:—

Edward Alline Derf'd 1 Sadle lost worth £2.

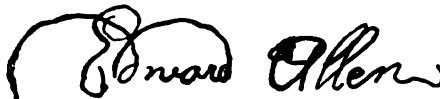
In House of Representatives Nov^r 15 Read and Comitted

(Endorsed — Bill of losses of Several men in Service taken to Nov^r 1709).

Vol. 52, page 164.

To y^e Honoble William Dummer Esq^r Lieut Gov^r & Commander In Chief &c
May it Please yo^r Honour—

Whereas I y^e Subscriber am this Day Sixty two Years old & have for forty Six Years Yielded Ready Obedience to y^e Commands of my Superiors In Regard to watching, and Now by Reason of y^e Infirmities of age it is become very tedious to me For which Reason I humble pray yo^r Honour to Consider me & grant me Dismission from watching For which yo^r Humble Pettitioner Shall be Ever oblided & as In duty bound shall Ever pray
Deerfield May y^e 1st 1725.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
BOSTON, JUNE 27th 1899.

I certify the foregoing citations to be true abstracts from the Massachusetts Archives deposited in this office.

(signed) WM. M. OLIN,

(SEAL)

Secretary.

Willard, in History of Greenfield, Mass., states that in 1686 John and Edward Allen had grants of twenty acre lots on the Deer River; that Edward Allen's house, built of heavy hewn logs, was where the High School now stands, and was a fort and public house; that Rev. Mr. Newton lived there after he was settled.

In History of Greenfield, page 61, Willard says that among the choice spirits and friends of the American cause in the Revolutionary War were the Arms, Smeads, Allens, and others.

Edward Allen, Jr., married, 24 November 1683, Mercy Painter. Sheldon, in History of Deerfield, Mass., says that "her mother was a Lambertson of New Haven." Her grandson (son of Samuel Allen^s) was named after her family, *Lambertson Allen*. The researches of Mr. Francis B. Trowbridge, genealogist, of

New Haven, Conn., and of Mr. Harry I. Thompson, the artist and genealogist, of New Haven, and who has made a special study of West Haven families, — the Painter family in particular, — have established the descent of Mrs. Mercy (Painter) Allen through Thomas Painter¹, Shubael Painter,² Mercy Painter,³ as follows:

THOMAS PAINTER,¹ 1637, Hingham, Mass., and again before 1644; 1639, granted a lot at Mr. Rogers' plantation; 1655, Newport, R. I., freeman; 1664, March 11, sold his dwelling house and half an acre of land; 1669, May 18, Westerly, R. I.; 1671, May 17, took oath of allegiance; drowned, 25 March 1706. (Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.)

SHUBAEL PAINTER,² 1669, Westerly, R. I.; 1670-1672, Deputy; 1671, took oath of allegiance; 1688, Constable. (Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.)

Shubael Painter married Mercy Lamberton, who was baptized 17 January 1641 and was the daughter of Capt. George Lamberton of the "Phantom Ship," by his wife Margaret.

Mr. Trowbridge says:

"Shubael Painter of Newport, 1685, calls William Trowbridge of New Haven his brother-in-law. William Trowbridge married Elizabeth (Lamberton) Sellivant, daughter of Capt. George Lamberton of New Haven. Thomas Painter, first of the name in West Haven, was probably a son of Shubael above. Thomas had a daughter Mercy, born 1703. I think very likely Mrs. Mercy (Painter) Allen was a daughter of said Shubael. George Lamberton had a daughter, Mercy, who was not of age in 1658. I have found no proof of her marriage here (in New Haven) but have supposed she married Shubael Painter of Newport, as all the other Lamberton girls were 'married off' as per records."

Mr. Thompson says:

"While I have informed myself pretty thoroughly regarding the history of the Painter family here, I have not attempted to follow the line back except to establish the fact to my satisfaction that Shubael Painter of Newport, R. I., 1677-1685, married Mercy, baptized 17 Jan. 1641, daughter of Capt. George Lamberton, settler at New Haven, 1638 (Captain of the 'Phantom Ship') and had Thomas Painter, who was the first Painter to settle in West Haven. Thomas Painter, son of Shubael and Mercy (Lamberton) Painter, had a daughter, Mercy, born in West Haven, August 1703, who married Andrew Smith of West Haven. If, as Sheldon's History of Deerfield says, Mrs. Mercy (Painter) Allen's mother was a Lamberton of New Haven, then there can be no doubt of Shubael Painter having been her father. A careful study of the land records here proves that Shubael Painter of Newport, R. I., married a daughter of Capt. George Lamberton, and that it must have been Mercy, as shown in the division of Capt. George Lamberton's farm in West Haven in 1687, and in the conveying of two of the heirs' (i.e. daughters) rights to Samuel Smith who married Obedience, a sister of Mercy. Each daughter had a sixth interest in the farm, and five of the sixths are positively connected with the five daughters, viz, one sixth to Elizabeth who married, 1st, 1654, Daniel Selivant, and, 2nd, at Milford, Conn., 9 March 1657, William Trowbridge of West Haven;

one sixth to Hannah, who married, 1st, Samuel Wells, and, 2nd, after 1675, Capt. John Allyn; one sixth to Hope, who married, 1st, Mr. Herbert, and, 2nd, Wm. Cheney; one sixth to Desire who married, 1659, Thomas Cooper of Springfield, Mass.; and one sixth to Obedience who married, 13 January 1675, Lieut. Samuel Smith. The other sixth belonged to the other daughter, Mercy, and at the time of the division had been transferred to Lieut. Samuel Smith, and by whom (see New Haven Records, Vol. 1, p. 281), 4 July 1685, 'Shubael Painter of Newport in ye Colony of Rhode Island for consideration, etc., sells to Samuel Smith of New Haven my interest, etc., in ye lands of Captaine George Lamberton, etc.' Previous to this (see Vol. 1, p. 52, 4 May 1677), Shubael Painter had sold his rights in the Lamberton farm to Wm. Trowbridge (who relinquished the same to Shubael Painter in 1685). The deed of 1677 is as follows: 'This writing witnesseth that I, Shubael Painter, of Newport, R. I., have sold unto my brother-in-law, Wm. Trowbridge of New Haven all my right title etc., which I, the said Shubael, have in a farm at New Haven on which the said Wm. Trowbridge now liveth' [West Haven was a part of New Haven until 1822]. In 1685 (see MSS. Vol. 1, p. 319, N. H. Rec.) 'Thomas Cooper and wife Desyer Cooper convey to Samuel Smith all their interest in several pieces of land, being one sixth interest on part of estate of George Lamberton with said housings.' This sixth and the sixth from Shubael Painter, together with the sixth Lieut. Samuel Smith of West Haven had in right of his wife Obedience gave said Smith three sixths of the farm in the division of 1687, and it is definitely stated in the records of the division that the remaining three sixths went, one sixth to Capt. John Allyn, Mrs. Hope Herbert and Wm. Trowbridge respectively. In 1698, 'Wm Cheeney by and with consent of Hope, my wife,' sold to Thomas Painter (son of Shubael) the sixth which went to Hope (Lamberton) Herbert in the division of 1687. Lieut. Samuel Smith and Wm. Trowbridge continued to live in West Haven, as did their descendants also. In 1743 (Vol. 12, p. 85, New Haven Records) Thomas Painter (son of Shubael of Newport) conveyed to his three sons, Thomas, Shubael and Deliverance Painter, 'all my whole right of land in said New Haven, whether divided or undivided, that fell to me in the right of my mother who was one of the daughters of Mr. George Lamberton, formerly of New Haven, dec^d, being the whole one sixth part of said Mr. Lamberton's land, laid out, or not laid out,' etc. This deed has reference 'to the proprietary rights which Capt. Lamberton's estate held in all outlying lands not included in the tract in West Haven known as Lamberton's farm.' The line of descent from Shubael Painter of Newport, R. I., to Thomas Painter, Esq., of West Haven, the Revolutionary soldier and sailor, is Shubael¹ of Newport, Ensign Thomas² of West Haven, Shubael³, born 1697, of West Haven, Joseph,⁴ born 1731, of West Haven, and Thomas⁵ of West Haven, born 20 January 1760, died 1847, Revolutionary soldier and sailor. Thomas⁵ had a brother Shubael⁶ who died at sea, unmarried, in 1787."

One of Mrs. Mercy (Lamberton) Painter's descendants in West Haven was named after her family, LAMBERTON PAINTER, who lived in West Haven at the time of the Revolutionary War, and removed to Roxbury.

The following names of descendants are from a description, by Mr. Harry I. Thompson, of the Old West Haven Cemetery, which appeared in the West Haven Register of 18 June 1899.

Shubael and Mercy (Lamberton) Painter had two children, viz:

MERCY PAINTER,³ married Edward Allen, Jr.

THOMAS PAINTER,³ ENSIGN, the first Painter to come to West Haven to reside. He married Rebecca, daughter of Zacheus Candee of West Haven, and they had:

THOMAS PAINTER,⁴ CAPTAIN, born 1696; died 1760.

SHUBAEL PAINTER,⁴ born 1697; died 1785; had son JOSEPH PAINTER,⁵ born 1731.*

DELIVERANCE PAINTER,⁴ born 1701; died 1781; taken prisoner in 1781 by the refugees who came over from Long Island and invaded West Haven. The vessel in which they were taking him away was capsized, and he, with others, was drowned. He married, Mary, the daughter of Capt. Samuel Smith, and they had:

LAMBERTON PAINTER,⁵ born 1740; died 1795, who removed from New Haven to Roxbury, Conn., soon after his father's death.

MERCY PAINTER,⁴ born, in West Haven, Aug. 1703.

OTHER CHILDREN,⁴

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary says that Capt. George Lamberton was "in New Haven in 1641, probably merchant from London, was one of the chief inhabitants employed, 1643, in projecting a settlement at Delaware, but was resisted by the Swedes, who vindicated their right; by wife Margaret had Mercy, baptized 17 Jan. 1641, Desire and Obedience; went in January 1646 for England in the ship of 80 tons, 'cut out of the ice three miles,' with Mr. Gregson, the wife of Deputy Governor Goodyear, and others, which was never heard of. He left widow who married Deputy Governor Stephen Goodyear."

George Lamberton was in command of this ill-fated vessel.

His children were:

OBEDIENCE LAMBERTON,⁵ died in 1734, in her 93rd year; married, 13 January 1675, Lieut. Samuel Smith, and had son Capt. Smith. Lieut. Samuel Smith died in 1723; he was the son of George Smith, one of the New Haven settlers of 1638.

*JOSEPH PAINTER⁵ (Shubael,⁴ Ensign Thomas,³ Shubael,³ Thomas³), had:

SHUBAEL PAINTER,⁶ died at sea, unmarried, in 1787.

THOMAS PAINTER,⁶ Esq., born 20 Jan. 1760; died 28 Oct. 1847. He was the Revolutionary soldier and sailor, who fired the first shot at the British soldiers as they were about to land on the Old Field Shore at West Haven, and barely escaped with his life, having been stationed with others of the guard on the night of 4 July 1779, and it was this guard that first discovered the vessels of the enemy as they came up the Sound. In the army he was a private, and did not command in the navy or on a vessel until after the close of the war, when he became captain of vessels in the West India trade. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years in West Haven and so was known as "Squire Painter." His home was with his uncle, Jesse Stevens, in the "Old Stevens House," still standing on the North side of Elm Street, west from Campbell Avenue, one of the most interesting old houses in West Haven.

The Allen Family

MERCY LAMBERTON,³ baptized 17 Jan. 1641; married Shubael Painter.

DESIRE LAMBERTON,³ married Thomas Cooper, Jr., of Springfield.

ELIZABETH LAMBERTON,³ married, first, 1654, Daniel Sillevant (Sili-
vant), and, second, in Milford, Conn., 9 March 1657, Wm.
Trowbridge of West Haven (son of Thomas Trowbridge,
settler, New Haven 1639), and had son Deacon Thomas
Trowbridge of West Haven, born 1659.

HANNAH LAMBERTON,³ married, first, Samuel Welles, son of Gov.
Thomas Welles, and was the ancestress of Gideon Welles,
Secretary of the Navy. She married, second, in 1675,
Capt. John Allyn.

HOPE LAMBERTON,³ married, first, Mr. Herbert, and, second, Wm.
Cheney.

An account of the ancient history of Lamberton families in
the old country may be found in Kulps' Families of Wyoming
Valley, Vol. I, p. 2514.

Atwater's History of the Colony of New Haven contains a map
of New Haven in 1641, on which Capt. Lamberton's residence is
shown on the north side of State Street, next to the lot on the north
east corner of State and George Streets. The eight squares were
distinguished by the name of some prominent person who lived
in the quarter to which their names were respectively applied, and
the southeast quarter was thus designated by the name of Capt.
Lamberton. His quarter of outlands covered all the land between
Washington Street and the harbor. In 1644, in conjunction with
Mr. Malbon and Mr. Evance, he contracted with the town to dig
a channel "for bringing boats, at least to the end of the Street
beside William Preston's house."

The following accounts of him and his expedition to Delaware
Bay and of the Phantom ship are from Atwater's History of the
Colony of New Haven:

George Lamberton, who lived next south of Sergeant Jeffrey, was one
of the nine proprietors, who, in the schedule of 1641, are rated at one thousand
pounds. Of these nine, however, five were non-resident, and soon ceased to
pay rates. So that Lamberton was one of four planters who were excelled
only by Theophilus Eaton in the amount of their estates. He was from his
first appearance in the plantation a mariner, and lost his life in the ship which,
under his command, left the harbor of New Haven in January, 1646, and was
never afterward heard from. He is mentioned by Ezekiel Rogers in a letter
to Gov. Winthrop, in a manner which suggests that he had been one of Rogers'
flock. His influence as a man of mind and of substance may have principally
occasioned the large secession of Yorkshiremen who refused to return to the
Bay when sent for by Rogers.

Within three years after the foundations of government had been laid

at New Haven, "there was a purchase made by some particular persons of sundry plantations in Delaware Bay, at their own charge, for the advancement of public good, as in a way of trade, so also for the settling of churches and plantations in those parts in combination with this. And thereupon it was propounded to the general court, whether plantations should be settled in Delaware Bay in combination with this town, — yea or nay; and, upon consideration and debate, it was assented unto by the Court, and expressed by holding up of hands." This attempt to establish an English settlement in Delaware Bay encountered opposition from the Dutch and from the Swedes, both of whom claimed exclusive jurisdiction in those waters, and, though contending one with the other, united in resisting the English. In 1642 the governor of New Amsterdam "despatched an armed force, and with great hostility burned the English trading houses, violently seized and for a time detained their goods, and would not give them time to take an inventory of them. The Dutch also took the company's boat, and a number of the English planters whom they kept as prisoners. The damages done to the English at Delaware were estimated at a thousand pound sterling."

The same year the Swedish governor seized and imprisoned George Lamberton, "master of the pinnace called the Cock," and some of his seamen, on a false charge of inciting the Indians to rise against the Swedes. Finding himself unable to support the charge, he improved the opportunity to impose a fine for trading at Delaware, though within the limits of the New Haven purchase. Not long after, Mr. Lamberton, happening to be at New Amsterdam, was compelled by the Dutch governor to give an account of all the beaver he had purchased at the New Haven trading post in Delaware Bay, and to pay an impost upon the whole.

The next year, New Haven becoming confederate with the other New England colonies, the commissioners of the United Colonies sent letters of remonstrance to the Dutch and the Swedes, and gave Lamberton a commission to treat with the Swedish governor in their name about satisfaction for the injuries done him, and about the settlement of an English plantation in Delaware Bay.

Commerce between New Haven and the mother-country was chiefly carried on by way of Boston and Barbadoes. Bills of exchange on London were purchased with beaver-skins and other products of New England exported from Boston, or with sugar procured by barter in Barbadoes. The funds thus obtained were invested in English goods, sometimes by the New Haven merchants in person when visiting their native land, but usually by their correspondents residing in London. These English goods were sent out in the ships which sailed every spring for Massachusetts Bay, and at Boston were re-shipped to New Haven.

Allusion has been made to three vessels, which in 1639 came to New Haven direct from England. We have now to speak of an attempt made at New Haven to establish at a later date a direct trade with the mother-country. Such an achievement was regarded as beyond the ability of any individual, and yet so desirable as to demand a general combination of effort. A com-

pany was formed, in which apparently all who were able to help, took more or less stock. This company, called "The Ship Fellowship," bought or built a ship which they made ready for sea in January, 1646. She was chartered for a voyage to London, by another association called "The Company of Merchants of New Haven." The feoffees of the ship-fellowship were "Mr. Wakeman, Mr. Atwater, Mr. Crane, and Goodman Miles." The company of merchants consisted of "Mr. Theophilus Eaton (now Governor), Mr. Stephen Goodyear, Mr. Richard Malbon, and Mr. Thomas Gregson." Winthrop says, "She was laden with pease and some wheat, all in bulk, with about two hundred West India hides, and store of beaver and plate, so as it was estimated in all at five thousand pounds." Seventy persons embarked in her, some of whom were counted among the most valued inhabitants of New Haven. Dr. Bacon has graphically depicted the departure of the vessel, and the solicitude felt for her safety by those whom she left behind:—"In the month of January, 1646, the harbor being frozen over, a passage is cut through the ice, with saws, for three miles; and the 'great ship' on which so much depends is out upon the waters and ready to begin her voyage. Mr. Davenport and a great company of the people go out upon the ice, to give the last farewell to their friends. The pastor in solemn prayer commends them to the protection of God, and they depart. The winter passes away; the ice-bound harbor breaks into ripples before the soft breezes of the spring. Vessels from England arrive on the coast; but they bring no tidings of the New Haven ship. Vain is the solicitude of wives and children, of kindred and friends. Vain are all inquiries.

"They ask the waves, and ask the felon winds,
And question every gust of rugged winds
That blows from off each beaked promontory."

"Month after month, hope waits for tidings. Affection, unwilling to believe the worst, frames one conjecture and another to account for the delay. Perhaps they have been blown out of their track upon some undiscovered shore, from which they will by and by return, to surprise us with their safety; perhaps they have been captured, and are now in confinement. How many prayers are offered for the return of that ship, with its priceless treasures of life and affection! At last anxiety gradually settles down into despair. Gradually they learn to speak of the wise and public-spirited Gregson, the brave and soldier-like Turner, the adventurous Lamberton, that 'right godly woman' the wife of Mr. Goodyear, and the others, as friends whose faces are never more to be seen among the living. In November, 1647, their estates are settled, and they are put upon record as deceased."

So much interest is felt in Lamberton's ship that I have felt inclined to bring together what the early writers have recorded concerning the vessel herself and concerning the atmospheric phenomenon which the superstition of the times connected with her loss.

Winthrop mentions her thrice. When the news of her departure had reached Boston, he records that "this was the earliest and sharpest winter we had since we arrived in the country, and it was as vehement cold to the south-

ward as here," adding, as one illustration, "At New Haven, a ship bound for England was forced to be cut out of the ice three miles." In the following June, when solicitude had nearly or quite given place to despair, he writes, "There fell a sad affliction upon the country this year, though it more particularly concerned New Haven and those parts. A small ship of about one hundred tons set out from New Haven in the middle of the eleventh month last, (the harbor being then so frozen as they were forced to hew her through the ice near three miles). She was laden with pease and some wheat, all in bulk, with about two hundred West India hides, and store of beaver and plate, so as it was estimated in all at five thousand pounds. There were in her about seventy persons, whereof divers were of very precious account, as Mr. Gregson, one of their magistrates, the wife of Mr. Goodyear, another of their magistrates (a right godly woman), Captain Turner, Mr. Lamberton, master of the ship, and some seven or eight others, members of the church there. The ship never went voyage before, and was very crank-sided, so as it was conceived she was overset in a great tempest which happened soon after she put to sea, for she was never heard of after." Two years afterward, that is, in June, 1648, he writes, as if the news had just reached him, "There appeared over the harbor at New Haven, in the evening, the form of the keel of a ship with three masts, to which were suddenly added the tackling and sails, and presently after, upon the top of the poop, a man standing with one hand akimbo under his left side, and in his right hand a sword stretched out toward the sea. Then from the side of the ship which was from the town arose a great smoke which covered all the ship and in that smoke she vanished away; but some saw her keel sink into the water. This was seen by many, men and women, and it continued about a quarter of an hour."

Hubbard, who was born in 1649, says, "The main founders of New Haven were men of great estates, notably well versed in trading and merchandising, strongly bent for trade and to gain their subsistence that way, choosing their seat on purpose in order thereunto, so that if the providence of God had gone along with an answerable blessing, they had stood fair for the first born of that employment. But that mercy, as hath since appeared, was provided for another place, and a meaner condition for them; for they quickly began to meet with insuperable difficulties, and though they built some shipping and sent abroad their provisions into foreign parts, and purchased lands at Delaware and other places to set up trading houses for beaver, yet all would not help; they sank apace, and their stock wasted, so that in five or six years they were very near the bottom; yet, being not willing to give over, they did, as it were, gather together all their remaining strength, to the building and loading out one ship for England, to try if any better success might befall them for their retrieval. Into this ship they put, in a manner, all their tradable estates, much corn, large quantities of plate, and sundry considerable persons also went, amongst whom was Mr. Gregson forementioned, who, besides his own private occasions, carried with him some estate in order to the procuring of a patent; but all this, though done by very wise men, yet hath since been thought to be carried by a kind of infatuation; for the ship was ill built, very walt-sided, and, to increase the inconveniency thereof, ill-laden, the lighter goods at the bottom; so that understanding men did even beforehand conclude

in their deliberate thoughts a calamitous issue, especially being a winter voyage, and so in the dead of winter that they were necessitated with saws to cut open the ice, for the passage of the ship frozen in for a large way together; yet were all these things overlooked, and men went on in a hurry till it was too late, when such circumstances as these were called to mind. The issue was, the ship was never heard of, foundered in the sea, as is most probable, and with the loss of it their hope of trade gave up the ghost, which was gasping for life before in New Haven. But this was not all the loss; besides the goods, there were sundry precious Christians lost, not less than ten belonging to the church there, who, as Mr. Cotton's expression upon it was, went to heaven in a chariot of water, as Elijah long before in a chariot of fire. There were also some writings of Mr. Hooker's and Mr. Davenport's lost, that never were at all or not fully repaired."

In another place discoursing of memorable accidents he says, "Another deplorable loss befell New England the same year, wherein New Haven was principally concerned and the southern parts of the country; for the inhabitants of that town, being Londoners, were very desirous to fall into a way of traffic, in which they were better skilled than in matters of husbandry; and to that end had built a ship of one hundred tons, which they freighted for London, intending thereby to lay some foundation of a future trade: but either by the ill form of her building or by the shifting of her lading (which was wheat, which is apt to shift its place in storms), the vessel miscarried, and in her seventy persons, some of whom were of the principal part of the inhabitants, with all the wealth they could gather together."

Hubbard makes no mention of the apparition in the air which followed the loss of the ship, and Winthrop, who was no sceptic in regard to supernatural intervention, records it without intimating that he regarded it as a miracle; but Mather, who wrote about as long after the occurrence as did Hubbard, has given us the story with the superstitious interpretation attached to it by some, at least, of his contemporaries. Desiring to give it accurately, he wrote to Rev. James Pierpont, the successor of Davenport in the pastorate of the church at New Haven, and received from him the following letter in reply:

"Reverend and Dear Sir: In compliance with your desires I now give you the relation of that apparition of a ship in the air, which I have received from the most credible, judicious and curious surviving observers of it.

"In the year 1647,* besides much other lading, a far more rich treasure of passengers (five or six of which were persons of chief note and worth in New Haven) put themselves on board a new ship, built at Rhode Island, of about a hundred and fifty tons, but so walty that the master (Lamberton) often said she would prove their grave. In the month of January, cutting their way through much ice, on which they were accompanied with the Rev. Mr. Davenport, besides many other friends, with many fears, as well as prayers and tears, they set sail. Mr. Davenport in prayer with an observable emphasis used these words: 'Lord, if it be thy pleasure to bury these our friends in the bottom of the sea, they are thine, save them.' The spring following, no tidings of these friends arrived with the ships from England; New Haven's heart

*Pierpont was in error in regard to the year. The ship sailed in January, 1646, New Style.

began to fail her; this put the godly people on much prayer, both public and private, that the Lord would (if it was his pleasure) let them hear what he had done with their dear friends, and prepare them with a suitable submission to his holy will. In June next ensuing, a great thunder-storm arose out of the north-west; after which (the hemisphere being serene) about an hour before sunset, a ship of like dimensions with the aforesaid, with her canvas and colors abroad (though the wind northerly) appeared in the air coming up from our harbor's mouth, which lies southward from the town, seemingly with her sails filled under a fresh gale, holding her course north, and continuing under observation, sailing against the wind for the space of half an hour.

"Many were drawn to behold this great work of God, yea, the very children cried out, 'There's a brave ship.' At length, crowding up as far as there is usually water sufficient for such a vessel, and so near some of the spectators, as that they imagined a man might hurl a stone on board her, her main-top seemed to be blown off, but left hanging in the shrouds; then her mizzen-top; then all her masting seemed blown away by the board; quickly after the hulk brought to a careen, she overset and so vanished into a smoky cloud, which in some time dissipated, leaving as everywhere else, a clear air. The admiring spectators could distinguish the several colors of each part, the principal rigging, and such proportions, as caused not only the generality of persons to say, 'This was the mould of their ship, and this was her tragic end;' but Mr. Davenport also in public declared to this effect, that God had condescended, for the quieting of their afflicted spirits, this extraordinary account of his sovereign disposal of those for whom so many fervent prayers were made continually. Thus I am, sir

Your humble servant,

"JAMES PIERPONT."

A volume entitled *A Book of New England Legends and Folk Lore* by Samuel Adams Drake, also contains an account of the "Phantom Ship," and says:

Mr. Bryant, writing to the poet Dana in 1824, says that he had formed the idea of constructing a narrative poem on this subject; but upon finding that the legend had already been made use of by Irving, he abandoned the purpose, which Longfellow subsequently carried out, with dramatic effect, as follows:

A ship sailed from New Haven;
And the keen and frosty airs
That filled her sails at parting
Were heavy with good men's prayers.

* * * * *

But Master Lamberton muttered,
And under his breath said he,
"This ship is so crank and walty,
I fear our grave she will be."

* * * * *

And at last their prayers were answered:—

It was in the month of June,
An hour before the sunset,
On a windy afternoon

When, steadily steering landward,
A ship was seen below,
And they knew it was Lamberton, Master,
Who sailed so long ago.

On she came, with a cloud of canvass,
Right against the wind that blew,
Until the eye could distinguish
The faces of the crew.

Then fell her straining topmasts,
Hanging tangled in the shrouds,
And her sails were loosened and lifted,
And blown away like clouds.

And the masts, with all their rigging,
Fell slowly, one by one,
And the hulk dilated and vanished,
As a sea mist in the sun.

And the people who saw this marvel
Each said unto his friend,
That this was the mould of their vessel,
And thus her tragic end.

Atwater's History of the Colony of New Haven contains the following reference to Mrs. Lamberton:

Stephen Goodyear, another of the London merchants originally associated together for the commencement of a plantation in New England. Here he was engaged in foreign commerce, sometimes in company with Eaton, Malbon, and Gregson, and sometimes adventuring largely on his individual responsibility. Having lost his first wife in Lamberton's ship, he married the widow of Lamberton, thus uniting two families in one home with advantage to the children of each. Second only to Eaton in the colonial government, his absence in England when Eaton died was a sufficient reason why he was not then advanced to the chief magistracy; and his death in London not long afterward brought his useful and honorable career to an end.

Atwater's History of New Haven contains a description of the public worship of that period, and the following foot-note thereto refers to the custom of women bringing contributions in the absence of their husbands:

Mrs. Brewster, in the absence of her husband, who had sailed for England in Lamberton's ship, went forward with her gift "because her husband had commanded her," but was charged with saying, "It was as going to mass or

going up to the high altar." She denied "that ever she spake of mass or high altar in reference to the contributions," but adroitly quoted the text, "when thou bringest thy gift to the altar," alleging that she first heard it applied to the contributions by her irreproachable seat-mate, Mrs. Lamberton.

The Records of the Colony and Plantation of New Haven, edited by Chas. J. Hoadley, M.A., contain several references to Captain Lamberton including a deposition by John Thickpeny, twenty-five years of age, mariner on the "Cock" with Captain Lamberton in his last voyage to Delaware Bay, setting forth that the Governor of the Swedes plied Lamberton's servant, John Woolen, and himself (Thickpeny) with beer and liquors, while prisoners of the Swedes at Delaware, in order to cajole and intimidate them into swearing falsely that Captain Lamberton had hired the Indians to cut off the Swedes; but they could not be forced thus falsely to swear. The same book also has the following:

At the meeting of the Commissioners for the United Colonies at Boston in Sept. 1643, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Gregson complained of the "injuries the people of New Haven had received from the Dutch and Swedes both at Delaware Bay and elsewhere" and the Commissioners instructed Winthrop to write Printz concerning the foul injuries offered by him to Mr. Lamberton and his company; and they gave also a commission to Mr. Lamberton to treat with the Swedish Governor about satisfaction for the injuries done him and about the settlement of an English plantation in Delaware Bay. See Hazard, II, 11; Winthrop, II, 140; Broadhead's N. Y., 1382.

Hoadley's Records of the Colony and Plantation of New Haven also includes the record of Capt. Lamberton being chosen Deputy 26 October 1643, 30 October 1643, 21 October 1644, and 30 October 1645.

There is also an account of Capt. Lamberton in an article by Ernest H. Baldwin in the New England Magazine of November, 1902, entitled, "How New Haven came to be in Connecticut."

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, DECEMBER 24, 1900.

This is to certify that the following appears in the Colonial Records, State of Connecticut in relation to

GEORGE LAMBERTON.

The names of all the Freemen of the Courte of New Haven, in the handwriting of Mr. Thomas Fugill, — Mr. George Lamberton. (page 10).

Page 31. Mr. Lamberton's man was freed from his chains from henceforward.

Page 33. At a court holden the 6th of May 1640 in New Haven. An account delivered in the court by Mr. Lamberton betwixt himself and Goodman Spencer whom he employed as his steward att sea in his voyage hither for whose service he allows him 5£ 10s for the whole voyage, butt whereas he

dyed before he had served halfe the voyage he desired Roger Allen who succeeded him should have the one half of the hyer.

At a General Court holden the 1st of the 7th month 1640, Mr. Lamberton and Mr. Nash were admitted members of the court and received the freeman's charge. At the same court "a piece of ground was granted to Mr. Lamberton for ground for a sellar by the West Creek."

At a General Court the 6th of the 2nd month 1645 "And also that Mr, Goodyear or partner, the four deputies with Mr. Lamberton . . . and others shall meet and advise with the Commissioner for the jurisdiction of New Haven, and shall go with others in to the Bay of Massachusetts to treat about a general combination for all the plantations of New England for the exalting of Christ's ends, and advancing the public good in all plantations."

Page 91, "Planter George Lamberton, persons numbered, 6; estates, 1000; land in first division, 65; land in the neck, 13; meadows, 53; land in the second division, 212; rate yearly paid for land 03-19-00."

At a General Court holden in New Haven the 1st of July 1644, the Governor gave the oath to George Lamberton and others.

General Court of election Oct. 26, 1643, "Captain Turner and Mr. Lamberton were chosen deputies for the court of combination also Mr. Lamberton chosen deputy to General Court Oct. 30, 1645. Deputy Oct. 30, 1643, March 25, 1644 and Oct. 22, 1644."

IMPRISONED BY THE SWEDES AT DELAWARE BAY.

At a court held in New Haven, 2nd of August 1643, John Thickpeny about the age of 25 years testified "that he was present in the pinace called the 'Cock' whereof George Lamberton was master, rideing at an acre about three miles above the Sweed fort in Delaware River. . . A second letter was brought aboard the 'Cock' to Mr. Lamberton from the Sweed Governor and awhile after, the same day, he with Isaac goeing to carry Mr. Lamberton ashore to the Sweed fort into which being entered, before they spoke with the Governor, the said Mr. Lamberton this deponent, and said Isaac were all cast into prison. The Governor sent for John Woolen, a servant of Mr. Lamberton's who was also committed and after giving him much wine and entertaining him, promised to do very much good for him if he would swear that Mr. George Lamberton had hired the Indians to cutt off the Sweeds but John refused to do itt and the Governor was much enraged and did put irons upon the said John Woolen."

At a General Court holden in New Haven June 21, 1647, "Mrs. Lamberton presented the inventory of the estate of Mr. George Lamberton, her late husband, which was received and recorded."

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

WM. E. F. LANDERS,

Col. and Asst. Adjutant-Gen'l

(SEAL)

Third Generation.

SAMUEL ALLEN^s (*Edward,^s Jr., Corporal Edward^d*), born in Deerfield, Mass., 6 April 1702; married 3 November 1727, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Eleazer Hawks, who was with Captain Turner at Peskeomskut. She died 8 March 1771, aged 67. Samuel Allen was in the King's service in 1725, under the command of Capt. Joseph Kellogg; was wounded in Father Rasles' war; and was killed during the old French war, while resisting an Indian attack at the Bars, Deerfield, 25 August 1746.



In the museum in Memorial Hall, Deerfield, is a leather chair which belonged to him, some hair from the head of his daughter Eunice, and also a tablet commemorative of this family.

The following account of Samuel Allen's death is from Sheldon's History of Deerfield:

August 22nd, the affair of Fort Massachusetts being unknown, ten men left Deerfield for Colrain. They were fired upon from an ambush, and Constance Bliss of Hebron, a soldier from Connecticut, was killed and scalped. The rest fled, presumably to the Colrain forts. In their flight they left some rum, with which the Indians became drunk. When they awoke from their drunken frolic, the next morning, they found themselves very near one of the forts in Colrain, but they escaped thence undiscovered.

THE BARS FIGHT. The Indians who killed Bliss belonged to a party of sixty which left DeVaudreuil after the surrender of Fort Massachusetts. According to the best information attainable, they were dissatisfied with the small number of prisoners, and came over to the Hoosac by the Indian path, and down the valley of the Deerfield, to secure captives to grace their triumphant return to Crown Point and sell to the French in Canada. Sunday, August 24, they observed some partly made hay in Stebbins Meadow, near the foot of Stillwater. Judging that the workmen would return to the place, the next day they formed an ambush in the thicket, at the foot of a hill hard by, and waited a favorable opportunity to accomplish their object. The hay belonged to the Allens and Amsdens.

Monday morning, August 25th, the hay-makers went to their fate. As far as known the party were Samuel Allen, aged 44; his children, Eunice 13, Caleb 9, and Samuel 8; Oliver Amsden 18, and Simeon 9, orphan sons of John Amsden.

The Allen and Amsden families lived at the Bars, on the table land just south, but had deserted their homes to lodge in the forts, at Wapping, or at the Street. Two soldiers seem to have been sent out with them as a guard, John Saddler, a townsman, and Adonijah Gillett from Colchester, Conn. With the party was Eleazer Hawks, brother-in-law to Allen, who, being out of health, was on a fowling excursion. He was the unconscious marplot of the occasion.

The news of the assault on Fort Massachusetts had not yet been received by the commander here, and presumably he was ignorant of the attack at Colrain, or a larger guard would have been sent out and a more vigilant watch kept. Capt. Holson (or Hopkins, by another account), a Connecticut man, was stationed here with a party of Connecticut soldiers, who were the "standing guard."

The hay-makers went to work in the very jaws of the enemy, with no examination of the thicket, and, so far as appears, no precautions against surprise. Had not prisoners, instead of scalps, been their object, the Indians might have killed the whole party at a single volley. They were waiting, however, for a favorable moment for stealing between the men and their guns, when the whole party would become an easy prey. Their action was precipitated by Hawks, who, going into the copse in search of partridges, stumbled upon the ambush. He was shot, the war-whoop given, and a rush made for their victims.

The astounded men did the best they could. They urged the children to fly to the fort, while they tried to check the pursuit by a fighting retreat to the mill. They were so hard pressed, however, they could not reach it, but took shelter under the bank of the river near it, on the flank of the line of pursuit. Here they made a stand, hoping to divert the attention of the enemy from the fleeing children. The odds were too great. Allen shot the foremost Indian, but he and Gillett were soon overpowered and killed. Saddler, amid a shower of bullets, dashed through

the water to a thicket on an island in their rear, and so escaped across the river. Meanwhile part of the assailants had been busy with the children. Oliver Amsden fell early in the attack. He was scalped and his head severed from his body.

His brother Simeon was overtaken and killed after a brave defence, his hands and arms being cut in pieces by the knives of his captors. Caleb Allen escaped by dodging about and hiding in a field of corn. Samuel was caught by a young Scatacook Indian, his pursuer, and after a sharp resistance with teeth, nails and feet, was secured unhurt as a prisoner, and carried to St. Francis. Eunice was the last to be overtaken, but finally an Indian split her skull with his hatchet and left her for dead, not stopping, however, in his haste, to secure her scalp. Eunice survived the blow for seventy-two years, but she never fully recovered.

But a few moments were occupied by the Indians in the bloody work, when they made a hasty retreat with their captive boy up the river, and reached De Vaudreuil at Crown Point about noon, August 31st, with the scalps of the five killed at the Bars and that of Constance Bliss. The following concise account of the tragedy is given by Dea. Noah Wright, who was doubtless on the spot at the first alarm:

Aug. 25, 1746. In the southwest corner of Deerfield Meadows a number of Indians came upon our men at work, killed and scalped Samuel Allen, Eleazer Hawks, and one of Capt. Holson's soldiers named Jiliet, and two of the Widow Amsden's children, taken captive, one boy of Samuel Allen's and chopped a hatchet into the brains of one of his girls. They are in hopes she will recover. One man killed one of the Indians, who got one gun from them, and lost three guns by them.

Rev. Mr. Doolittle of Northfield criticises the military officers here for their neglect of discipline, saying "Had there not been a continual firing in the Town from Day to Day, the People would have took the Alarm, and might have been upon the enemy before they could have got out of the meadow." This must refer to other parties working in the meadows. It could not apply to the garrison two miles away.

When the alarm reached the town there was vigorous action by her citizens. Lieut. Jonathan Hoyt with one party followed the trail of the marauders up the river, and it was probably Lieut. Joseph Clesson who led another party across the hills to intercept them at Charlemont. Neither party had any success.

From the Massachusetts archives we get the names of a few men who went to the rescue. It seems that Othniel Taylor rode so hard as to kill his mare, for which £6 was allowed him by the Province. In relation to this affair:

Jona. Hoyt testifies and says that when the Indians on the 25th of August last attacked & killed sundry persons in the south part of the town of Deerfield, on the alarm in the town sundry persons were sent out to relieve those in distress &c., and as I was going to the field aforesaid, I came up with Othniel Taylor, on horse back, & ordered him to put on faster. He told me his horse was about beat out. I ordered him to whip on as fast as he could to the mill & I myself continued the pursuit after the enemy & when I returned I saw the mare that said Taylor rode lie dead near the mill, & I determined she was killed by riding as aforesaid.
Deerfield, Oct. 2, 1746.

JONA. HOYT.

(Joseph Barnard certified that when he) came up to Tavor, near the mill, and when I was dismounting my horse, said Tavor spake & said he had killed his mare, & as I turned about I saw her fall on the ground, & when I returned from pursuing the Indians, I saw her lie dead on the spot & determined she was killed by riding in pursuit of the Indians.

The only other contemporaneous account of this affair, beside those noticed, is the following effusion from the lips of "Luce Bijah." She was a bright negress,

wife of Abijah Prince, "servant" of Ebenezer Wells and a member of the church in 1744:

August 'twas the twenty-fifth,
Seventeen hundred forty six,
The Indians did in ambush lay,
Some very valient men to slay,
The names of whom I'll not leave out:
Samuel Allen like a hero fout,
And though he was so brave and bold,
His face no more shall we behold.

Eleazer Hawks was killed outright,
Before he had time to fight,—
Before he did the Indians see,
Was shot and killed immediately.

Oliver Amsden he was slain,
Which caused his friends much grief and pain.
Simeon Amsden they found dead
Not many rods distant from his head.

Adonijah Gillett, we do hear,
Did lose his life which was so dear.
John Sadler fled across the water,
And thus escaped the dreadful slaughter.

Eunice Allen see the Indians coming,
And hopes to save herself by running;
And now her petticoats stopped her,
The awful creatures had not catched her,
Nor tommy hawked her on the head,
And left her on the ground for dead.
Young Samuel Allen, Oh, lack-a-day!
Was taken and carried to Canada.

The mill spoken of in the narrative belonged to Samuel Dickinson, and was known later as Locks' mill; it stood on the bank of the Deerfield river, a little north of the spot where the ruins of the "John DeWolf house" now stand. It was at the outlet of a brook, which, coming from the south, divided Stebbins Meadow into two parts. Its bed is now to be seen, but its waters were cut off in 1796 when the canal was dug which supplied power to Stebbins' mill and other works at the Mill village.

That place where Allen and Gillett fell is believed to be against Locke's Island, a few rods above the mill. There is a tradition in the Allen family that Samuel Allen stopped in the open field, exposing himself to certain destruction, that he might check the onset of the foe, and give one moment more for his children to escape. This tradition will be stoutly maintained by some of his descendants, but there are no historical supports, and the probabilities do not favor it, if Samuel Allen was as prudent and collected as he was brave.

In a subsequent exchange of prisoners it was arranged that Samuel Allen, Jr., and one other should be exchanged for a young French cadet, Pierre Raimbault St. Blein, grandson of the Governor-General of Montreal. Sergeant Hawks, the hero of Fort Massachusetts, was sent by Gov. Shirley from Deerfield, 8 Feb. 1747-8, to Montreal to effect the exchange, but it was found that young Samuel Allen was averse to returning: that he at first refused to speak to Hawks, who was his

uncle, and with whom he had been well acquainted, that it was only by force that he was brought away; and that, living to be an old man, he always maintained his preference for the Indian mode of life.*

THE LAST OF HIS RACE. There can be no doubt that the Bars was a favorite resort, if not the headquarters, of the Pocumtuck clans—the lords of the Connecticut valley. It is at the Bars that is found the last trace of their peaceful footsteps, and it was at the Bars where the last hostile blow was struck within the borders of Deerfield. The following paper is from the Massachusetts MS. archives. The Allens referred to lived at the Bars.

Edward Allen's acc't for keeping an Indian belonging to ye five Nations above Albany, who has been Long Confined with fever sores at Deerfield:

Oct. 4, 1732, To building a wigwam or place to keep him in	£0.	12
To 19 Loads of wood at 4s.	3.	16
To Cutting of ye wood & Tending to his fire	3.	16
To diet and tendance 28 weeks at 10 s per week	14.	0

Deerfield, May 20, 1733.

£22. 4

EDWARD ALLEN

From the Council Records we learn that:

Mch. 24, 1735, Samuel Allen was allowed £8 18s for taking care of, and burying a poor wounded Indian.

June 4, 1737, Samuel Allen was allowed £10 3s. 4d. for boarding a poor lame Indian, and his mother one year ending in May last.

The closing word in this extract is significant and noticeable, as being literally the "last" word on the Colony Records, referring in any way to Indian occupation on our soil. The "last hostile blow," referred to above, was struck by a party of French Indians, August 25, 1746; and fell upon this same Samuel Allen while at work with his children in a hayfield hard by the old homestead. He was cut down while bravely confronting the rush of savages, that his children might escape by flight.

In the old burying yard, a slate stone slab, "with uncouth sculpture decked," marks the spot where he was laid to rest; and although his mortal frame has moulded into dust, his voice still preaches the gospel of peace, in the following quaint epitaph:

Listen to me ye, mortal men, Beware
That you engage no more in direful
War; By means of War my Soul from
Earth has fled, My Body's Lodg'd in
Mansions of the Dead.

A tradition handed down in the Allen family of the Bars is easily connected with the last item from the Council Record, given above. Near the Allen mansion stood a wigwam—it may have been one built by Samuel Allen for the sick Mohawk—in which lived a squaw with her only child, a sickly son. They were kindly cared for by their Christian neighbors, and many nourishing dainties were furnished the failing invalid, the child of the forest. But he died and was buried. The place selected for sepulture,—still called "Squaw Hill,"—was on a high bluff

* There is also an account of the Bars Fight in Parkman's A Half Century of Conflict, Vol. II, pp. 251-261.

overlooking the broad meadows in the fair valley of the Pocumtuck, with the misty hills of Berkshire and southern Vermont in the distance.

On rumors of a war with France, which would surely bring Indian hostilities to this valley, the mother dug up the remains of her son, cleaned and dried his bones, and with the precious relics securely tied in a pack upon her shoulders, she — the last of her people— turned her slow steps towards the setting sun.

COLONIAL WAR SERVICE OF SAMUEL ALLEN

SAMUEL ALLEN: Appears on Muster Roll sworn to at Deerfield, Nov. 17, 1725 of a company in His Majesty's service under the command of Capt. Joseph Kellogg. Quality, Centinel. Residence, Deerfield. Entered service, May 19. Served until Nov. 16. Length of service, 26 weeks (year not given) endorsed 1725. Vol. 91; page 206.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY,

BOSTON, MAY 2, 1898.

I certify the foregoing citation to be a true abstract from the military series of the Massachusetts archives deposited in this office.

Witness the seal of the Commonwealth.

(Signed) WM. M. OLIN.

[SEAL]

Secretary.

Samuel Allen's son Caleb was a soldier in Lord Loudon's army at Albany in the last French war, and was also a soldier in Major Hawks' Company in the Lake George campaign, in the same war.

Samuel Allen's son, Samuel, Jr., was a soldier in the Deerfield Company in the last French War; was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and was a Captain in Shays' Rebellion.

The following record of his Revolutionary War service is from Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, published by the State:

ALLEN, SAMUEL, Ashfield, Ensign Lt. Samuel Bartlett's Co., which marched 22 April 1775 in response to alarm of 19 April 1775 from Ashfield; service 5 days; also 2nd Lt. Capt. Ebenezer Webber's Co., Col. Fellows' regt., list of officers dated camp at Roxbury 31 May 1775; commissioned 7 June 1775; also Ensign Capt. Webber's Co., Col. Fellows' regiment muster roll dated 1 Aug. 1775; enlisted 27 April 1775; service 3 months, 11 days; also company return dated Dorchester 7 Oct. 1775; also Lieutenant Capt. Bartlett's Co., Col. James Wesson (9th) regt;

Continental Army pay roll accounts for service from 1 Jan. 1777 to 12 April 1778; reported resigned 12 April 1778.

The line of Hannah Hawks³ who married Samuel Allen was Deacon Eleazer Hawks,² John Hawks,¹ as follows:

JOHN HAWKS¹, was of Windsor, 1640, where the name is found as Hake; granted a lot there; removed to Hadley, 1659, as one of her first settlers; was buried there 30 June 1662. His widow, Elizabeth, married, second, Robert Hinsdale, who was killed with Lothrop; and married, third, Thomas Dibble of Windsor. She died 29 September 1685.

ELIEZER HAWKS² (in records of Hawks family we find this name spelled Eleazar, Eliezer and Eleazer) deacon, born 1655. He came to Deerfield, Mass., with the first permanent settlers; was constantly in town office; was with Captain Turner at Peskeompskut, and came out without a scratch. He died 27 March 1727. He married, 30 April 1689, Judith, daughter of William Smead, the first marriage recorded on the town register. She died 27 January 1718-19, aged 54. They had Hannah, born 7 July 1703; married, 3 November 1727, Samuel Allen.

A list of ye Soldiers yt were in ye Fall Fight under Capt. Wm. Turner, approv'd off by ye Committee of ye Gen. Court.

HAWKS, ELEAZER, Hadley

By ye best acco'tt we can come at ye foregoing is a true list of ye soldiers yt were in ye falls fight with ye Indians under Capt. Wm. Turner & for ought appears to us at present yr descendants according to ye act of ye General Court are to be admitted to share in ye grant of ye township above Deerfield granted them. (Dated July, 1741.)

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Secretary.

(SEAL)

Deacon Eleazer Hawks is mentioned in Sheldon's History of Deerfield as follows:

Page 159. Among list of men under Captain Turner in Falls Fight.

" 171. His brother John also in Falls Fight.

" 196. Land owner in the common field and fence allotment.

" 205. Sergt. Eliezer Hawks, seater in meeting house 2 Oct. 1701.

" 208. Wood lot.

" 210. Serveier [surveyor], 30 May 1689.

- Page 222. Selectman, 14 Dec. 1691.
- " 257. Grant of 12 shillings formerly granted Godfrey Nims as constable.
- " 266. Care of The Bars.
- " 273. Sergt. Eliezer Hawks on School Committee, 1701.
- " 456. Deacon Hawks one of committee of five to seat y^e meeting house.
- " 498. 8 May 1723, share in 8000 acres formerly granted to Dedham.
- " 611. House lot No. 18 held by Deacon Eliezer Hawks in 1704, and tradition says he built present house in 1712; also some description of house.
- " 611. Sept. 1713, allowed by vote of town to make brick in street.
- " 855. Moderator of town meeting twenty-six times, 1700-1723.
- " 857. Selectman 1699, 1701, 1703, 1706, 1708, 1710, 1711, 1713, 1714, 1716, 1720, 1723, 1726.
- " 879. Place of burial, viz: in Old Burying Ground.

The line of Judith Smead¹ who married Deacon Eliezer Hawks was William Smead,² Widow Judith Smead¹ as follows:

WIDOW JUDITH SMEAD¹ of Dorchester, Mass., 1636; died 1639; had married, in England, John Denman, probably about 1620, and ——— Smead probably about 1634. She was a sister of Ensign Thomas Stoughton of Dorchester who was one of the first twenty-four Dorchester freemen. She was also sister of Col. Israel Stoughton of Dorchester, who was a prominent man. Israel Stoughton came, a young man, from Plymouth, Devonshire, in the ship "Mary and John" in 1630, and was made freeman in 1633. He was Ensign of the Dorchester train band in 1633, and afterwards Captain, and in 1634 was Deputy to the General Court. He and Edward Rosseter, the Assistant, were the largest grantees of land in Dorchester plantation. The position which he occupied in the affairs of the Colony points him out as a man of superior intelligence and large property. In his will dated July 1644 he made provision for his mother then residing in his family. He was the owner of a mill, and fish wear. In his corn mill was ground the first corn ever ground by water in New England. In the election of Governor and Assistants in 1637, he was chosen Assistant, and elected by the Court to command the Pequod expedition, and he led the Massachusetts re-inforcement therein and rendered efficient service. He and his wife were among the first signers of the Church covenant in 1636. He was a member of the Synod which tried Mrs. Ann Hutchinson in 1637. In 1639, he served with Governor Endicott in running the Old Colony line, and the same year he assisted in preparing the general laws of the Colony. In 1641, he served as Commissioner to administer the government of New Hampshire. In 1643 he went to England, became intimate with some of the leaders of the Revolution, and determined to devote his services to the Parliamentary cause. He was again in England in 1644 where he made his will. He served as Lieutenant Colonel under Rainsboro in Cromwell's army until his death, which occurred at Lincoln, in 1645. He left 300 acres

of land to Harvard College. His son William was Lieutenant-Governor of the Province. One of his daughters married James Minot, and another daughter was mother of Lt. Gov. William Taylor. The above is from Clapp's History of Dorchester, in which a more extended account of him will be found. Austin, in One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families, mentions him as a kinsman of Anthony Stoughton, who sent his 14 year old daughter Rose to this country by him. Anthony Stoughton was son of Sir Lawrence Stoughton of Stoughton, Co. Surrey, England, and descended from Thomas Stoughton of Stoughton. Another brother was John Stoughton, doctor of divinity and curate of the parish of St. Mary Aldermanbury, London, who died 4 May 1639, and who in his will gave to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, a bequest of £25. Rev. John Stoughton was the step-father of Gen. James Cudworth of Scituate, N. E., an Assistant, Deputy Governor, and who died in London, while acting as agent for the Colony, and of Rev. Ralph Cudworth, author of The Intellectual System of the Universe.

WILLIAM SMEAD,² born 1635; was first of Dorchester; on the death of his mother he was put under the care of John Pope. Pope died 12 April 1646, leaving by will "vnto William Smead my Little boy, my Loomes and such tacklings as do belong unto them which is to vallew of £3, provided he be willing to dwell with my wife after his time is out. Also provided he be willing to Learn my Trad, and that there be a comfortable Agreement mad between them afterwards." How much William was benefited by this conditional bequest does not appear, but he removed to Northampton in 1660, where he was made freeman the same year. In 1671, he bought of Thomas Fuller house lot No. 25 in Deerfield, and built a house on it, which house Sheldon's History of Deerfield says was perhaps still standing in 1886. He died there before 1704, and was buried in the "Old Burying Ground" in Deerfield. In Sheldon's Deerfield he is mentioned as owner of eight acres on the Fort Hill, twenty-six acres in the Common Field, and a wood lot. His name appears among eight other signers of a petition to the General Court, 30 April 1678, for the return of Rev. Mr. Mather to Deerfield. He was Selectman in Deerfield, 1686, 1688, 1697. His first child, William, born 18 July 1660, was killed 18 September 1675, with the "flower of Essex" under Capt. Lothrop at Bloody Brook. His widow, three daughters, his son Samuel and wife and two of their children were slain by the French and Indians in the assault on Deerfield, 29 February 1704. He was a soldier under Captain Turner in the Falls Fight in King Philip's War. The above is from Savage's Genealogical Dictionary and Sheldon's History of Deerfield.

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A List of ye Soldiers yt were in ye Fall Fight under Capt. Wm. Turner

The Allen Family

approv'd off by ye Committee of ye Gen. Court.

SMEADE, WM.

NORTHAMP.

List of the Falls Fight Men (made up) June 1736. By ye best acco'tt we can come at ye foregoing is a true list of ye Soldiers yt wr in ye falls fight (wth ye Indians) under Capt. Wm. Turner and for ought appears to us at present ye Descendants according to ye Act of the General Court are to be admitted to share in ye grant of ye township above Deerfield granted them.

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A List (dated Boston, June, 1736) of the Souldiers & the Decendts of Such as are Deceased that were in the fight called the falls fight above Dearfield who are intituled to the township granted by the General Court as follows: Ebenezer Smeed, Dearfield, son of WILLIAM SMEED.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

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Secretary.

William Smead married, 31 December 1658, Elizabeth Lawrence, who was baptized in Hingham, Mass., 6 March 1641-2. She was the daughter of Thomas Lawrence who had a grant of land in Hingham in 1638, and who died in Hingham, 5 November 1655. After his death his widow returned to Dorchester. She was Elizabeth daughter of James Bate of Dorchester. (Lincoln's History of Hingham, Mass.)

Clapp's History of Dorchester says that James Bate (or Bates), having the title of "Mr." prefixed to his name, sailed in the Elizabeth, Captain Stagg, from England in April 1635, with his wife Alice and several children. In the list of passengers he is styled "husband-man." He was born in 1582, joined the church 1636, freeman 1636, selectman 1637, 1638, and 1651. He represented Hingham in the General Court in 1641. His wife was Alice Glover. He had a son, James, baptized 19 Dec. 1624, who lived in Dorchester, and settled his father's estate there, to account to his brother Richard who lived in Lydd, between Hastings and Folkestone, England, and the latter was a trustee under his father's will. He also had daughters, Margaret, married Christopher Gibson; Mary, married Hopestill Foster; and Lydia, born 1615, married Roger Williams. He was a brother of Clement Bates who settled in Hingham. Lincoln, in History of Hingham, says the name (Bate, Bates, Batte) was a common one in England for nearly two centuries before the Puritans took their departure for New England, and the ancestors of Clement and James are traced for five generations prior to that period, thus
THOMAS BATE¹ of Lydd, Parish of All Hallow, died in 1485, leaving a son, John, who died in 1522.

JOHN BATE² (Thomas'), had a son, Andrew, who died at Lydd in 1532-3, leaving four sons.

ANDREW BATE³ (*John², Thomas¹*), had a son John⁴ of Lydd, who died there in 1579-80.

JOHN BATE⁴ (*Andrew,³ John,² Thomas¹*) left three sons, one of whom, James⁵, died at Lydd in 1614-5.

JAMES BATE⁵ (*John,⁴ Andrew,³ John,² Thomas¹*), was father of Clement of Hingham, James of Dorchester, Robert of Lydd, and Edward.*

* Edward Bates of Weymouth was long counted as another brother, but, although it is known that James Bates the emigrant had a brother Edward, it is now supposed that he died in 1616. See Waters' *Gleanings*, p. 1302, note by W. K. Watkins, who prints the wills of many generations of the family and who states that there are many memorials to this family in the church at Lydd from which it appears that the arms of this family were Sable, a fess between three dexter hands, coupé argent.

"Andrew Bate, 'farmer of Dengemarsh,' kept the town (of Lydd) in a ferment for years, whether his herds of cattle which overran the marsh pastures and trespassed on his neighbors' fields or commons so that they could not 'occupy in peace,' and would rather sell their land than be so 'grievously hurted by the cattle of Andrew Bate;' or with his heavy tolls for the 'Western men' who came to dry their whiting on the nesse, and found him a hard 'extortioner' who 'had driven away half Dengemarsh;' above all with his ceaseless activity in extending his borders over the doubtful limits that parted the lands of the town from the lands of the Abbot; so that though the corporation in 1462 insisted on a careful marking out of their frontiers, and years later were labouring to have him supplanted in Dengemarsh by another burgher, Bate was evidently victorious, and ended by seeing his brother, who had been trained in the law probably with this object, appointed Town Clerk and practical controller of the affairs of Lydd." (Green: *Town Life in the Fifteenth Century*.)

Fourth Generation.

CORPORAL ENOCH ALLEN⁴ (*Samuel,³ Edward,² Jr., Corporal Edward¹*), born in Deerfield, Mass., 27 November 1744; removed to Ashfield, Mass., after 1767, where he died 8 July 1789. He was a soldier in the American Army in the Revolutionary War.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Revolutionary War Service of Enoch Allen.

ENOCH ALLEN. Appears with the rank of private on Lexington Alarm Roll of Lieutenant Sam'l Bartlett's Co., which marched April 22, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ashfield. Length of service 5 days. Residence Ashfield. Vol. 11 p. 238.

ENOCH ALLEN. Appears with rank of private on Muster Roll of Capt. Ebenezer Webber's Co., Col. John Fellows' Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775. Enlisted April 27, 1775. Time of service 3 mos., 11 days. Residence Ashfield. Vol. 16, p. 75.

ENOCH ALLEN. Appears with rank of private on company return of Capt. Webber's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., dated Dorchester, Oct. 7, 1775. Residence Ashfield. Vol. 56, p. 45.

ENOCH ALLEN. Appears among signatures to an order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in money, due for the eight months service in 1775, in Capt. Ebenezer Webber's Co., Col. John Fellows' Regt., dated Dorchester, Nov. 22, 1775. Payable to Lieut. Samuel Allen. Vol. 57, file 5.

ENOCH ALLEN. Appears with rank of Corporal on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Ephraim Jennings' Co., Col. David Wells' Regt. Enlisted Sept. 22, 1777. Discharged Oct. 18, 1777. Service on Expedition to the Northward. Vol. 20, p. 126.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

BOSTON, JAN. 18, 1898.

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the Record Index to the Revolutionary War Archives deposited in this office.

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(Signed)

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

Enoch Allen married, 28 November 1771, Mercy Belding, or Belden, who removed to Grand Isle, Vermont, in 1795. Her line of descent was Richard,¹ Samuel,² John,³ Deacon Ebenezer,⁴ Mercy,⁵ as follows:

RICHARD BELDEN¹ was of Wethersfield, an early settler. Hinman, in *Early Puritan Settlers of Connecticut*, says that on the land records of Wethersfield the name appears as Bayldon; that the name was also spelled Belding in Wethersfield records, and was many years after by consent of the different branches of the family changed to Belden, "which was the original name in England." A volume entitled *Concerning some of the Ancestors and Descendants of Royal Denison Belden and Olive Cadwell Belden*, by Jessie Perry Van Zile Belden, printed for private circulation by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, 1898, shows that the name was originally Bayldon, or Baildon, and that Richard Bayldon, or Belden, was born in Yorkshire, England, settled in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1635, died 1655, and gives the pedigree of Baildon of Kippax, County York, England, as John,¹ George,² Sir Francis,³ Richard,⁴ as follows:

JOHN BAILDON,¹ died 12 December 1526; married, second, 15 October 1515, Mary, daughter of Edward Copley of Doncaster, Co. York.

GEORGE BAILDON,² born 1520; of Metby 1567, of Hardwick 1574; buried at Kippax 1588; married Anne, daughter of Thomas Folkingham of the North Hall in Leeds, and widow of James Standish.

SIR FRANCIS BAILDON,³ of Kippax, born 1560; Reeve of Kippax 1588; knighted 23 July 1603; married, second, Margaret, daughter of Richard Goodrich of Ripston.

RICHARD BAILDON,⁴ baptized 26 May 1591; living at Kippax 1624.

Arms of Bayldon of Bayldon: Argent, a fesse between three fleur de lis sable.

Richard Belden had two sons, John, an enlisted trooper from Wethersfield under Maj. John Mason, and

SAMUEL BELDEN,² born in England; died 3 January 1713; first in Wethersfield with his father; in 1660 in Totoket, now Branford; in 1661 in Hatfield; fought in King Philip's War; was a soldier under Capt. Turner in the Falls Fight; prominent in church and town affairs; often on committees to procure ministers; constable 1673; selectman; took freeman's oath 1674.

MASS. ARCHIVES.

Vol. 107, Page 23.

May 9th, 1689:

The Inhabitants freholders of the Town of hatfield by advice ffrom the president and Counsel of Saefitye: bareing Date May 2d, 1689: then ware Convened together and then made Choice of Mr. Samll partrigg to be their representatiue to Joine with ye sd president and Counsele according to aduice aforesd to Consider and Consult the

The Allen Family

affairs of the publicke: and finally to act in the behalf of the Inhabitants and frehold-
ers such affairs as are necessary: as attest

JOHN ALLIS Capt.

SAMUEL BELDING } in the behalf
ELYAZER FRARY } of the rest of
SAMUEL MARSH } ye Selectmen.

MASS. ARCHIVES.

Vol. 114, Pages 597-600.

A List of ye Soldiers yt were in ye Fall Fight under Capt. Wm. Turner approv'd
off by ye Committee of ye Gen: Court.

SAM^l BELDING.

By ye best Acco'tt we can come at ye foregoing is a true list of ye Soldiers yt wr in ye
falls fight (wth ye Indians) under Capt. Wm. Turner & for ought appears to us at
present yr Descendants according to ye act of the General Court are to be admitted
to share in ye township above Deerfield granted them.

(Endorsed "List of the Falls Fight Men, June, 1736.")

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 26, 1902.

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as the "Mass. Archives," preserved in this office.

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(SEAL)

(Signed) WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary.

Samuel Belden's first wife, Mary, the ancestress of this line, was slain
by the Indians in Ashpelon's raid on Hatfield, 19 September 1677. He
married, second, 25 June 1678, Mary, widow of Thomas Wells, who was son
of Hugh Wells, Sr., and brother of Mary Wells, wife of Jonathan Gilbert.
She died 20 September 1691, and he married again that year Mary, widow
of John Allis. He married, lastly, 10 April 1704, Sarah, widow of John
Wells. Samuel Belden's sons were Cornet Samuel, Stephen, Ebenezer (born
16 November 1667, married, Martha), and John.

JOHN BELDEN,³ born 13 November 1669; killed at a house raising
18 October 1725, aged 56; married Sarah Wait, who, in Judd's History of
Hadley, is stated to have been born about 1675, a daughter of Benjamin
Wait.

SERGEANT BENJAMIN WAIT in Temple's History of Whately,
Mass., is stated to have married Martha Leonard of Springfield;
that he was in the Falls Fight, 19 May 1676, under Capt. Turner as
a guide; and that in Ashpelon's Indian raid during King Philip's
War his home was burned, 19 September 1677, and his family
taken captives and carried away by the Indians. Benjamin Wait
was then a young man aged about thirty years. Temple's Whately
contains a long and interesting account of his expedition to rescue

his wife and four children. He went under a commission from the Governor of Massachusetts, and was accompanied by his friend Stephen Jennings. At Albany the authorities, in order to block his efforts, sent him to New York. The hardships and dangers experienced on his journey to Lake George, Chambly, Sorel and Quebec are also described in a volume entitled Papers Concerning the Attack on Hatfield and Deerfield 19 Sept. 1677, by Franklin B. Hough, Esq., New York, 1859, Bradford Club, Series No. 1. Sergeant Benjamin Wait was slain in the Meadow Fight at Deerfield, in Queen Anne's War, 29 February 1703-4, of which there is an account in Sheldon's History of Deerfield.

MASS. ARCHIVES.
Vol. 71, Page 48.

A list of the Nams of those that fought In dearfield meadow on the Last of febewarey 1703-4.

SERJAN BENJAMIN WAIT : 0 :
This list taken by order from Cap wells the Slain mark'd 0

MASS. ARCHIVES.
Vol. 114, Pages 597-600.

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During her captivity, Mrs. Wait was selected by the Indians for burning, but escaped that fate and married, second, 25 November 1726, Ichabod Allis. Savage's Gen. Dict. (Vol. III, p. 79) says that she was born 15 February 1649, married Benjamin Wait, 8 June 1670, and was the sixth of the fifteen children of John and Sarah (Heald) Leonard; that John Leonard was in Springfield, Mass., in 1639, married Sarah Heald, 4 September 1640, and was slain by Indians early in 1676. Burt's History of Springfield, Mass. says John Leonard married Sarah Heith or Heald, 12 No-

vember 1640, and mentions him as contributor to minister's salary, contributor to house for minister, on committee to appraise property for minister's rate, subscriber to mill, highway surveyor 1640, fence viewer 1667, 1668, 1673, overseer of highway work 1666, and presenter 1655.

The children of John and Sarah (Wait) Belden were:

John,⁴ Deacon.

Joseph.⁴

Ebenezer,⁴ Deacon, born 29 July 1714.

Martha,⁴ married Bridgeman.

Sarah,⁴ married Bardwell.

Rhoda,⁴ married Sheldon.

Hannah,⁴ married Nathaniel Hawkes.

Mary,⁴ married Obadiah Dickinson.

DEACON EBENEZER BELDEN,⁴ born 29 July 1714. Ashfield, Mass., was settled about 1742 or 3, and Deacon Ebenezer Belden was a settler there soon after from Hatfield and was followed about 1753 by Samuel Belden from Deerfield. The first religious meetings in Ashfield were held in 1753 at Deacon Ebenezer's house, and when the church was organized there in 1763 he was one of the fifteen members. About 1760-65 he served on committees of the proprietors, and upon the organization of the town in 1762 he was moderator, and Samuel Belden the first clerk. The court records at Northampton show that in 1738 and 1739 he was licensed as an innholder, and in 1769 was ferryman at Waite's Ferry, Hatfield. On 27 June 1768, he sold land to Ebenezer Belden, Jr., and John Belden and Mercy Belden appear as witnesses to the deed. No mention is found of a Mercy as the wife of any Belden or Belding. The parentage of Mrs. Mercy (Belden) Allen is considered established by the record of her name as one of the witnesses to the deed of her father to his son Ebenezer, and other evidences mentioned below, through the search for her parentage made by Mr. Eben Putnam, editor of *The Genealogical Quarterly Magazine*, and by Mr. O. P. Allen, genealogist, of Palmer, Mass. Her parentage is also shown in the Nash Genealogy referred to below. Her mother was Hannah Nash, who was born 16 September 1716, married Deacon Ebenezer Belden, 30 September 1736, and settled in Ashfield. She was the daughter of John and Abilene (Field) Nash of Hatfield, and her line of descent was Thomas,¹ Lieut. Timothy,² Thomas,³ John,⁴ as follows:

THOMAS NASH¹ came in 1637 in ship "Hector," in a company composed principally of merchants of London with Rev. John Davenport as their pastor. They are supposed to have been mostly members of his church in Coleman Street, London. In 1638 the whole company, including Thomas Nash, removed from

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Boston to Quinipiac (New Haven). Thomas Nash was a gunsmith, and had the care of the town muskets. He and Mr. Lamberton were admitted members of the General Court 7 September 1640. He died 12 May 1658. In his will, made in 1657, he mentions his old age. So, he was probably advanced in years when he came to this country. His wife's maiden name was Margery Baker. She died between 11 February 1655 and 1 August 1657. Berry's Genealogies of Hertfordshire Families say that Margery, daughter of Nicholas Baker, married Thomas Nash, and went to New England. Nicholas Baker was the son of John and Margery (Madistard) Baker, and his wife's maiden name was Mary Hodgetts. This account of the Nash line is from a volume entitled The Nash Family or Records of the Descendants of Thomas Nash of New Haven, Conn., 1640, collected and compiled by the Rev. Sylvester Nash, A. M., Hartford, press of Case, Tiffany & Co., 1853.

LIEUT. TIMOTHY NASH,² of Hadley, was the youngest child of Thomas, the emigrant. He was born in England, or in Leyden, Holland, in 1626, and died 13 March 1699, N. S. He was in New Haven 1645-1660, removed to Hartford in 1660, and to Hadley in 1663. Originally a gunsmith, he added the occupation of blacksmith, more needed by the settlers. He "was a useful and respectable citizen, was frequently employed in town affairs," was Lieutenant of militia (*i. e.* "Ensigne of ye 3rd Co." of Hadley until 20 May 1692), and represented Hadley in the General Court of Massachusetts in 1690, 1692 and 1695.

COURT RECORDS.
Vol. 6, Page 133.

At a General Court for their Maties: Colony of the Massachusetts Bay holden in Boston Wednesday the 28th of May 1690.

Deputies from the Several Towns Vist:
MR. TIMO. NASH. For Hadley

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Vol. 51, Page 3.

The Commission officers lately in West Hampshire whose commissions now necessarily Terminate

Being as followeth

Hadly ye 3d
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ARON COOKE: Capt.
JOSEPH KELLOG Leivt.
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Dated: May 20th 1692.

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COURT RECORDS.

Vol. 6, Page 221.

The Names of the Representatives for the Several and respective Towns, and Places within the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, returned to Serve, at the Great and General Court or Assembly, begun at Boston the eighth day of June 1692 Viz:

Hampshire

Hadley

MR. TIMO. NASH

COURT RECORDS.

Vol. 6, Page 393.

At a Great, & General Court, or Assembly for his Majties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, begun, and held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty ninth of May 1695 In the Seventh Year of his Majties Reign being Convened by their Majties Writts.

The Gentlemen returned for Representatives of the Several Towns that Appeared are as follows Vizt.

County of Hampshire

Hadley

MR. TIMO. NASH.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 26, 1802.

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the official records of the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts Bay and from the manuscript collection known as the "Mass. Archives," preserved in this office.

Witness the seal of the Commonwealth.

(SEAL)

(Signed)

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

Lieut. Timothy Nash left a very respectable estate in lands. He married (probably in 1657) Rebekah Stone, who died March or April 1709. She was the daughter of Rev. Samuel Stone, of whom the following account is found in Trumbull's History of Hartford, and a volume entitled The Family of John Stone, One of the First Settlers of Guilford, Conn., by William L. Stone, 2nd, Albany, Joel Munsell's Sons, 1888.

Rev. Samuel Stone was born in Hertford, Co. Herts, England; son of John Stone, freeholder; baptized in the Church of All Saints, Hertford, 30 July 1602; entered at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1620; A.B., 1623; A.M., 1627; studied divinity with the Rev. Richard Blackerby at Aspen in Essex; probably the Samuel Stone who was curate at Stisted, Co. Essex, near Chelmsford, from 13 June 1627 to 13 September 1630; lecturer in 1630 at Towchester in Northamptonshire, from which point he joined Cotton, Hooker, and others of note and came to New England in the Griffen, arriving at Boston 4 September 1633; chosen Teacher of the church at Cambridge, 11 October 1633; freeman of Massachusetts 14 May 1634; removed to Hartford, Conn., in 1636, where he was an original proprietor; was Chaplain to the troops under Capt. John Mason in the Pequot War

in 1637; and was sent by the Court, 5 April 1638, with Thomas Stanton and Mr. Goodwin to treat with the Indian Sachem Soheage.

The Stone genealogy calls him the founder of Hartford, and "the faithful companion and friend of the devoted Hooker." Trumbull's Hartford says that he was "almost a part of Mr. Hooker himself." "The Rev. Samuel Stone and Rev. Thomas Hooker are said to have been two weeks on the way to Hartford from Cambridge, living meantime on the milk of the herd of cows they took with them, and carrying Mrs. Hooker, who was ill, on a litter, a journey which may be made now in as many hours." There is a description of this journey in Trumbull's History of Hartford. "Rev. Thomas Hooker's associate in the ministry at Hartford was Rev. Samuel Stone who was likewise the sponsor of the new settlement." Rev. Mr. Stone was present and active in Boston in August 1637 at the synod concerning Mrs. Anne Hutchinson's religious vagaries, at the synod at Cambridge in 1643 called to antagonize the spread of Presbyterianism, and at the Cambridge synod of 1647 and 1648 known by its birthplace. He became involved in a controversy in Hartford and Wethersfield, in regard to the government of the church and the treatment of church membership. It began between William Goodwin of Hartford, a ruling elder, who adhered to Congregationalism, and Rev. Mr. Stone who was thought to be leaning a little toward Presbyterianism. It was believed, however, that there was a personal element in the quarrel in connection with the candidacy of Michael Wigglesworth as successor to Mr. Hooker. So irreconcilable did the controversy become that Teacher Stone resigned; Elder Goodwin was practically deposed by the church's choice of a moderator; successive ecclesiastical councils were held; days of humiliation and prayer were appointed by the Massachusetts churches in behalf of the Hartford church; repeated blundering attempts were made by the General Court to interpose; the matter was finally reviewed and determined by a council at Boston in September and October 1659. Elder Goodwin and sixty others, with Rev. John Russell as their pastor, left the colony in 1659, and began a settlement in Hadley. Rev. Mr. Stone remained and Rev. John Whiting was ordained as his colleague. Mr. Stone died 20 July 1663. He printed a single pamphlet:— *A Congregational Church is a Catholik Visible Church, Or an Examination of M. Hudson, his Vindication, &c.*, London, 1652. Of this work, Cotton Mather says:—"This rich treasure has often been transcribed by the vast pains of our candidates for the ministry: and it has *made* some of our most considerable divines." Rev. Mr. Stone left two works still in manuscript, one of which is described as a body of divinity and the other as a confutation of the Antinomians. He had reputation as a wit, and was certainly the occasion of wit in others, his death calling out a punning elegy attributed to Edward Bulkley, who describes the deceased as a "whet-stone," a "load-stone," and

"A stone for Kingly David's use so fit
As would not fail Goliath's front to hit."

References to Mr. Stone will be found in Bryant's *Popular History of the United States*, Vol. I, pp. 540, 551; Vol. II, pp. 9 *et seq.* and p. 27. His first wife died in 1640 before November 2 or 3, when Mr. Hooker mentions her death in a letter to Rev. Thomas Shepard, saying that she "smoked out her days in the darkness of melancholy." He married, second, before July 1641, Elizabeth Allen of Boston who died in 1681.

The *Genealogy of the Allen and Witter Families*, by Asa W. Allen, Salem, Ohio, printed by Luther W. Smith, 1872, mentions the marriage of Elizabeth Allen to Rev. Mr. Stone, and says that he was one of the most acute and accurate disputants of his day, was celebrated for his wit, pleasantry, and good humor, abounded in fastings and prayer, and was a most strict observer of the Christian Sabbath. His estate was £563 and his books £127. In reply to an inquiry as to the parentage of Elizabeth Allen, Mr. O. P. Allen, of Palmer, Mass., genealogist of Allen families, says: "Nothing to my knowledge, has come to light concerning the parentage of Elizabeth Allen who married Rev. Samuel Stone at Hartford about 1641; but from the fact that she came to Boston at the same time as Rev. Thomas Allen, and both joined the church at Boston at about the same time, in 1639, I am inclined to think she was in some way related to him — as a sister, or cousin. Rev. Thomas Allen was son of John, born in Norwich, Co. Norfolk, England, in 1608. Savage says Elizabeth Allen was a maiden; it does not seem reasonable that a woman would have come over alone, without some relative: so it is a very plausible theory that Elizabeth and Rev. Thomas were relatives."

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, MARCH 12, 1902.

This is to certify that the following appears in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut, 1636-1656, relative to

SAMUEL STONE

Page 20, Courts holden in Hartford, April 5, 1638.

Mr. Stone, Mr. Goodwin, and Tho. Staunton, are desired to go to Soheage (Indian Sachem), and treat with him according to the best of their discretion, to compose matters between the English and said Sachem.

Page 39, Court holden in Hartford, October 10, 1639.

For the better keeping in mind of those passages of God's providence, which have been remarkable since first undertaking these plantations, Mr. Deputy, Captain Mason, Mr. Stone, . . . to take the pains severally, in their several towns, and then jointly together, to gather up the same, and deliver them into the General Court in April next.

Court of Election, May 20, 1658; page 317.

Mr. Samuel Stone, teacher at Hartford, presenting unto the General Court, March 25, 1658, a petition and certain propositions and upon his request was ordered to be recorded.

Session, General Court, October 4, 1660, page 356.

Its ordered by ye Court, respecting Mr. Stone of Middletown, there appearing such unsuitableness in their spirits, that Middletown shall have free liberty to provide themselves another able and ortho-

dox and pious minister, as soon as they can, who is to be approved by . . . Mr. Stone . . .

Sessions of the General Assembly, October 8, 1663, page 413.

Whereas the Court formerly granted Mr. Samuel Stone a farm for his good service to the country, both in Pequot War, and since, do now grant and confirm to Mr. Samuel Stone, his son, and Mrs. Eliza Stone the relict of Mr. Samuel Stone, deceased, in lieu of the former grant, 500 acres of upland and 50 or 60 acres of meadow.

In Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. 1, page 50, appears the following:

"It was on the 10th day of May, and the little Army of 90 whites, and 70 friendly indians (under command of Captain John Mason) went down the river, and landed at Saybrook, the Monday morning following. Mr. Stone, associate minister, and Mr. Thomas Hooker were Chaplains. At Saybrook, Captain John Underhill, with 19 men, joined Captain Mason's Army." Entry made in records of General Assembly held in Hartford, May 1637.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(SEAL) (Signed) Wm. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. & Asst. Adjt. General.

THOMAS NASH,⁸ eldest son of Lieut. Timothy, was born in Hartford about 1661, removed from Hadley to Hatfield about 1668, and died 19 January 1727-8. He married, Aug. 1685, Hannah Coleman, born 14 February 1667, died 4 July 1722, the daughter of Deacon John and Hannah (Porter) Coleman and granddaughter of Thomas Coleman, as follows:

THOMAS COLEMAN,¹ born in England about 1600; came to New-England about 1634-5 from Evesham, on the River Avon, County of Worcester, England; first in Wethersfield, where he was among the earliest settlers in 1636; participated in divisions of land 1639; representative to General Court 1650, 1651, 1652, and 1653, and repeatedly afterwards; became involved in the "Hartford Controversy" of 1659, and joined with the dissatisfied in founding a new settlement at Hadley on the Connecticut within the limits of Massachusetts Bay; freeman thereof 1661; buried 1 October 1674. His petition to be freed from watching, warding, and training, March 1658, because over 60 years old, indicates that he was born about 1598. This account of the Coleman line is from Judd's History of Hadley, The Coleman Family, J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, 1867, and Hinman's Early Puritan Settlers of Connecticut. Of Thomas Coleman, Hinman says: "Few if any gentlemen in the Colony was as frequently a member of the General Court as was Mr. Coleman, and few sustained a higher reputation in the Colony." In 1654 he, with two others, was appointed to join with the Deputy Governor to see to pressing men and procuring necessities in the expedition to Narragansett in the Ninigret War. He was often delegated by the Court for the appraisement of damages and the settlement of estates.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, APRIL 2, 1902.

This is to certify that the following record appears in relation to
THOMAS COLEMAN.

In Colonial Records, State of Connecticut, 1636-1665, appears the following:

At a particular court, October 24, 1644, Present . . . Tho. Coleman (Deputy). At a General Court, Hartford, Mar. 19, 1650-51, Deputy, Tho. Coleman.

At a General Court, Hartford, Sept. 9, 1652, Deputy, Tho. Coleman; also same at a General Court, Feb. 23, 1652, and April 14, 1653.

At a General Court, Hartford, May 18, 1653, Deputy, Tho. Coleman.

At a General Court, holden at Hartford, July 28, 1653, Deputy, Tho. Coleman; also Deputy at a General Court, Aug. 11, 1653, Sept. 8, 1653, March 7, 1654. Absent as Deputy from General Court Sept. 14, 1654. Present at General Court, Oct. 3, 1654.

At the General Court holden at Hartford, Oct. 3, 1654.

The committee chosen by the court to press men and necessities in each town for this expedition (expedition to Narragansett, war with the Ninigrets) in each town till it be ended is as followeth:

For Wethersfield . . . Thomas Coleman . . . to join with the Deputy Governor.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS

(SEAL)

Col. & Asst. Adj. General.

The ancestress of this line was Thomas Coleman's first wife, whose name is not known. She probably came with him from England, and is supposed to have died in Wethersfield about 1640-1. His second wife was Frances Wells, widow of Hugh Wells, Senior, of Wethersfield. She died March 1678.

DEACON JOHN COLEMAN,¹ born in England; came to this country with his parents; freeman of Connecticut 1658, and of Massachusetts 1672; resided in Hatfield where he died 21 January 1711, aged 76; deacon in the church. The ancestress of this line was his first wife, Hannah Porter of Windsor, Conn., who was born 4 September 1642; married 29 May 1663, slain by the Indians in Ashpelon's attack on Hatfield, 19 September 1677. She was the daughter of John Porter, Senior.

A volume entitled *The Descendants of John Porter of Windsor, Conn.*, by Henry Porter Andrews, Saratoga Spa, press of G. W. Ball, 1893, says that the Windsor Church was formed in Plymouth, England, in March 1630, by people from Devon, Dorset, Somerset, and Warwickshires, the Revs. John Maverick and John Warham being ordained respectively as pastor and teacher. In 1630 they came to New England and settled in Dorchester, Mass., and in 1635 removed to Windsor, with Rev. Mr. Warham. In this body came John Porter and he died in Windsor, 22 April 1648. His wife, Rose, died in July 1647. "He was a man of substance and standing;" was Constable in 1639, "then a high and responsible office." The 1897-8 Register of the Society of Colonial Wars says that he was Deputy to the General

Court 1646-1647. His residence in Windsor was near the Little River at its junction with the Connecticut, and nearly opposite the residences of Henry Wolcott and Mathew Allyn. Two presidents of the United States claim descent from John Porter of Windsor, an ancestry shared by many distinguished Americans. Samuel Porter of Hadley who died 6 Sept. 1689, son of John Porter, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Stanley of Hartford. His sister Mary married, 26 May 1658, Samuel Grant of Windsor, the ancestor of Ulysses S. Grant. President Grant's line is as follows: John Porter,¹ Mary Porter² who married Samuel Grant, Samuel Grant³ (married Grace Miner), Noah Grant⁴ (married Martha Huntington), Noah Grant⁵ (married Susan Delano), Noah Grant⁶ (married Anna Buell), Jesse Root Grant⁷ (married Harriet Simpson), Ulysses S. Grant.⁸

Samuel Porter²(John¹) had son Samuel Porter³ of Hadley, Sheriff of the county, and Judge, Deputy to General Assembly, etc., a very prominent and wealthy man. Judge Porter married, 22 Feb. 1683-4, Joanna daughter of Capt. Aaron (Aaron) Cooke and Sarah his wife, daughter of William Westwood. Judge Porter was born 6 April 1660, and died 29 July 1722, leaving, among others, a son Aaron Porter,⁴ born 19 July 1689, who married Susanna daughter of Major Stephen Sewall and niece of Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, and a granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan Mitchell of Cambridge. Aaron Porter was pastor over the church of Medford. His daughter Susanna Porter⁵ married Rev. Aaron Cleveland, who was born 29 Oct. 1715, and was mother of Rev. Aaron Cleveland,⁶ who died 21 Sept. 1815, having had by his wife Abiah, daughter of Capt. James Hyde, a son, William Cleveland,⁷ who married Margaret Falley, and died 18 Aug. 1837, leaving a son, Richard Falley Cleveland,⁸ who died 1 Oct. 1853, having had by his wife Anne Neal, Stephen Grover Cleveland,⁹ born 18 March 1837, who became President of the United States.

Another distinguished descendant of John Porter is Frederic Ward Putnam of Cambridge, Mass., and Berkeley, Cal., Professor of American Archaeology in Harvard University and Professor of Anthropology in University of California; formerly Curator of Archaeology American Museum, New York, and Chief of the Dept. of Anthropology, World's Columbian Exposition. Professor Putnam was for many years Permanent Secretary of American Assoc. Advancement of Science and President thereof in 1898. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of other important scientific and historical societies at home and abroad, and has received the decoration of the Legion of Honor from France. His degree of Doctor of Science was conferred by the University of Pennsylvania, and he was one of the first recipients of the Drexel Medal, the others being Peitrie, Evans and Hilprecht. In general science and especially in American Anthropology, Professor Putnam stands preeminent. His line of descent is as follows: John Porter,¹ Samuel Porter,² Samuel Porter,³ Rev. Aaron Porter,⁴ Jane Porter⁵ who married Rev. John Sparhawk of Salem, born 1 September 1713, son of Rev. John and Priscilla Sparhawk and brother of Hon. Nathaniel Sparhawk⁶ who married Elizabeth daughter of Sir William Pepperrell, the conqueror of Louisburg.

Rev. John and Jane (Porter) Sparhawk had Jane Sparhawk,⁷ who married, 6 Oct. 1767, John son of Rev. Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge, and grandson of John Rogers,

President of Harvard College. Their son Nathaniel Appleton,⁷ married Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua Ward, Esq., of Salem, and had Elizabeth,⁸ born 10 July 1804, died 27 April 1887, who married Ebenezer Putnam of Salem (son of Ebenezer Putnam, and grandson of Gen. John Fiske), who was born 6 Sept. 1797, died 3 April 1876. Their son Frederic Ward Putnam,⁹ born 16 April 1839, mentioned above, by his first wife, Adelaide Martha, daughter of William Murray and Martha Adams (Tapley) Edmands, had Alice Edmands¹⁰ of Cambridge, Eben Putnam,¹⁰ born 10 Oct. 1868, and Ethel Appleton Fiske Putnam,¹⁰ married to John Hart Lewis formerly of St. Albans, Vt., now of Minot, N. D., prominent in legal and political affairs of Minot. Eben Putnam,¹⁰ above, is the editor of *The Genealogical Quarterly Magazine*, of Boston, a genealogist of acknowledged repute, author and compiler of many genealogical and historical papers, including the *History of the Putnam Family in England and America*; formerly manager of *The Salem Press* and business manager of *The International Monthly*. He is a member of the Salem Light Infantry Veteran Assoc., one of the Council of the Old Planters Society, and formerly Lieut. Governor of Vermont Society of Colonial Wars. (See *Lamb's Dictionary of American Biography*). Eben Putnam married Florence Maude, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Joyce) Tucker, and has children: Eben Fiske-Appleton Putnam,¹¹ Frederic Lawrence Putnam,¹¹ and Margaret Adelaide Putnam.¹¹ He lives in Wellesley, Mass.

The Porter Genealogy above mentioned gives the history of a Norman knight, William de la Grande, who came in the army of the Norman duke at the Conquest, A.D. 1066, and acquired lands at or near Kenilworth in Warwickshire. William de la Grande had a son, Ralph, who was "Grand Porteur" to Henry I, from which was derived the name of Porter. In the Porter Genealogy is a query as to whether the name Rose above mentioned was not that of a daughter instead of the wife of John Porter, Sr. The following is from Stiles' *History of Windsor, Conn.*: "John Porter, Sr., according to statements furnished by Henry D. White, Esq., of New Haven, Conn., came to New England with wife and nine children from Felsted, Co. Essex, England, probably in ship 'Susan and Ellen' 17 July 1638, and in company with his brother-in-law Joseph Loomis. In the Parish Register of Messing, Co. Essex, England, is the following record of marriage: '1620 Oct. 18, John Porter of Felsted and Anna White of Messing.' Anna, we find from the Messing Parish Register, was baptized 13 July 1600 and was daughter of Robert White of Messing by his wife Bridget Allgar, daughter of William Allgar of Shalford, Co. Essex, and was probably the sister of Mary White of Messing who married Joseph Loomis, the emigrant ancestor of the Windsor family of that name. Another sister, Elizabeth White, married, 7 Nov. 1616, William Goodwin of Hartford, and the three are thought to have been sisters of Elder John White, though this is not yet proven. Both the Loomis and Goodwin marriages are from the Shalford Parish Register."

JOHN NASH,⁴ of Hatfield, born in Hadley, 28 October 1686; died 7 April 1764; resided in Hatfield; married, 29 December 1715, Abilene Field, who was born 2 July 1690, died 15 (or 18?) July 1764, and was the daughter of John Sr., and Mary (Edwards) Field.

John Field, Sr., was born in 1648, settled in Hatfield, and died 26 June 1717. Sheldon's History of Deerfield says that he was a soldier under Capt. Turner. His brother Zechariah Field, Jr., was the ancestor of David Dudley Field, and Cyrus W. Field. Another brother, Samuel, was sergeant under Capt. Turner in the Falls Fight, and was killed by Indians at Hatfield Meadows, 24 June 1697. John Field, Senior's, daughter-in-law, Sarah Coleman, wife of John Field, Jr., was one of the captives of Ashpelon's raid 19 Sept. 1677, and was redeemed by Wait and Jennings in 1678. A shoe worn by her on the homeward march from Canada in 1678 is among the treasures in Memorial Hall, Deerfield. John Field, Sr.'s, son Benjamin was in the Meadow Fight 1704, and another son, Ebenezer, was killed by Indians near Bloody Brook, 26 Oct. 1708. John Field, Sr., was the son of Zechariah Field, Sr., who was born in England, probably son of John, came over in 1629, settled in Dorchester, removed in 1636 to Hartford, in 1659 to Northampton, and in 1662 to Hatfield, where he died 30 June 1666. Mrs. Mary (Edwards) Field was born in Springfield, Mass., 20 January 1650, married 17 December 1670, and was the daughter of Alexander Edwards of Northampton, Mass., (1655-1690) of whom Trumbull's History of Northampton has record as the owner of the first mill in Northampton, a contributor of land to the town, owner of stock in a lead mining company there in 1680, and one of the subscribers to Harvard College. In King Philip's War his house was enclosed in palisades, and in 1690 the new fortifications began at his house. He died in Northampton in 1690, during an epidemic. Savage's Gen. Dict. (Vol. II, pp. 102, 103) says that he came from Wales in 1640, embarked at Bristol, was first of Springfield, Mass., married, 28 April 1642, Sarah, widow of John Searl, and removed to Northampton in 1655.

Burt's History of Springfield, Mass., says that Mrs. Sarah Searl Edwards' maiden name was Baldwin and that she had married John Searl 19 March 1639. The Baldwin Genealogy by C. C. Baldwin of Cleveland, Ohio, shows that she was the sister of Timothy Baldwin of Milford, Conn., Nathaniel Baldwin of Milford, Conn., and Joseph Baldwin of Milford, Conn., and Hadley, Mass., and gives her line as Richard,¹ Richard,² Richard,³ Sarah,⁴ as follows:

RICHARD BALDWIN,¹ of "Donrigge" (Dundridge); yeoman; wife Ellen (may have been Ellen Pooke); made his will 1552-3, in which his name is spelled Bawldwyn and Baldwyn; had seven children, including RICHARD BALDWIN,² not 23 years old in 1552-3, who by his father's will had the tenements and lands in Cholesbury (joining Aston Clinton), Bucks. RICHARD BALDWIN,³ of Cholesbury; weaver; wife Isabell; made his will dated 23 December 1630.

The Baldwin Genealogy has much about the origin of the name and the Baldwin families in England, and says that most of the Baldwins in America are descended from those in Buckinghamshire, near Hertfordshire, and of Oxfordshire, which shires join Bucks; that the name occurred before the Conquest in the immediate vicinity of the Baldwins of Bucks; that in the time of Edward the Confessor

numerous lands were held there by Baldwins; that surnames were not then in use, or at least did not descend until long after the Conquest; and that Baldwin de Hampden of the time of William the Conqueror, so named from his estates in Hampden was the ancestor of John Hampden the famous patriot in the Civil War of 1640. This Baldwin Genealogy also says that from the year 1200 down the name is nearly continuously found in the vicinity of Aylesbury, Bucks; that in 1435 the name appears among "the gentry" of Bucks at Aylesbury; that the most illustrious of the family of Baldwins was Sir John Baldwin, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1536 to 1545, when he died; that what relation he was to the ancestors of the American Baldwins was not known to the compiler; but that Dundridge (Parish of Aston Clinton, Bucks) and "The Braes" were granted to Sir John and were in possession of the ancestors of the emigrant. The compiler of the Baldwin Genealogy also believes that the descent from Richard Baldwin of Donrigge, above mentioned, of Matthias W. Baldwin, founder of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, was Richard of Donrigge,¹ Richard,² Richard,³ son⁴ (or grandson), John of Milford, Conn.,⁵ John,⁶ Jonathan,⁷ Matthias,⁸ William,⁹ Matthias W.¹⁰

MERCY BELDEN,¹ married Enoch Allen. The Nash Genealogy above mentioned not only gives Mercy Belden as the daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Belden, as above, but also mentions the marriage of her sister Sarah to "Mr. Allen." The sketch of Heman Allen in Hemenway's Vermont Gazetteer states that Enoch Allen and his brother Lamberton married sisters, and Sheldon in the History of Deerfield says that Sarah Belden married Lamberton Allen. Thus the parentage of Mercy Belden is established.

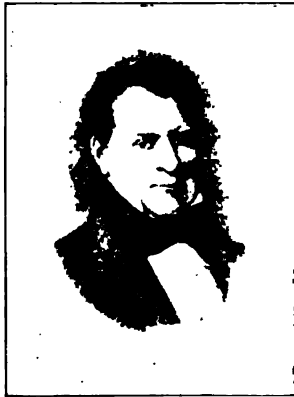
Fifth Generation.

HON. HEMAN ALLEN,⁵ M. C. (*Corporal Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward, Jr.,² Corporal Edward¹*).

The following sketch of Hon. Heman Allen appeared in Hemenway's Vermont Gazetteer, No. VI, Chittenden County; August 1863.

HEMAN ALLEN, OF MILTON, AND BURLINGTON, BY GEORGE ALLEN,
PROFESSOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Chittenden County may reckon, among its distinguished citizens, two that bore the name of Heman Allen, both born the same year, both bred to the bar, both in public life together, long resident in adjoining towns and afterwards in the same town, in earlier life opposed in politics, as Federalist and Democrat, but later of the same party, always personal friends, and even (although neither may have been aware of the fact) remotely related by blood.* When members of the State Legislature, they were distinguished on the roll, as "Allen of Milton" and "Allen of Colchester." When both came to live as neighbors, in Burlington, the latter, by his long residence as minister at Santiago had won the distinctive designation of "Chile Allen." It is of the former of the two — Heman Allen of Milton (afterwards of Burlington) that the following biographical notice is furnished, by his oldest surviving son.



Hon. Heman Allen, M. C.

Heman Allen was born in Ashfield, Mass., on the 14th day of June, 1777, within the original limits, I believe, of the ancient Pocomptuck or Deerfield, out of which the township of Ashfield had in part been formed twelve years before his birth. His great grandfather, Edward Allen, was among the earliest of those who renewed the settlement of Deerfield, after the close of King Philip's War. His name appears on the proprietors' records, as the purchaser of a right in 1686. The purchase of his older brother, entered as John Allin, Gent., had been made before the war of 1671. The family has won a place in local history, by the large share it bore in the calamities inflicted on Deerfield by Indian warfare. When the village was surprised and destroyed in February, 1704, a female member of the family was one of the many captives carried off, through the wintry wilderness into Canada; and two months later John Allen and his wife, on venturing to leave the fortified

*For this probable relationship, see the Genealogical Appendix, at the close of this notice (p. 723.)

house for their dwelling at The Bars, were shot down near their own door. In 1724, Heman Allen's grandfather, Samuel Allen, was fired upon by the Indians and wounded. On the 25th of August, 1746, he was again set upon by the savages, while at work in his meadow, and fell pierced with several bullets, as he stood bravely fighting to secure the escape of his children, of whom one (Eunice) was tomahawked, and another (Samuel) was carried off as a prisoner.* His youngest son (Enoch) then an infant, was the father of Heman Allen.

Edward and Samuel Allen had always lived at the Bars, where Edward had purchased his right, adjoining that of his brother John. But Enoch and an older brother (Lamberton), who had both married sisters of the old Deerfield family of Belding, left the ancient homestead and settled in Ashfield, of which Elijah Belding was the first town clerk, to whom, as such, the warrant of incorporation was directed in 1765. Enoch Allen died there in 1789, at the age of forty-five, leaving a widow and eight children, the eldest, Enoch, Jr., seventeen, and Heman, the third, twelve years old.† Young as the boys were, they were true sons of New England, and lacked neither the energy nor the intelligence required for carrying on successfully the paternal farm. But already, before the death of their father and during the Revolutionary war, their uncle Lamberton had achieved the bold adventure of emigrating to the dangerous outpost of Grand Isle, in Vermont;‡ and another uncle, the warlike Samuel, in his boyhood an Indian captive, in manhood a Revolutionary officer, had followed Lamberton, after sheathing the sword which (as he was always proud of declaring) he had drawn as a captain under Shays. Hereupon the family of the deceased younger brother sold out their rather unproductive farm, and, in March, 1795, made the same dreary migratory journey from rocky Ashfield, to the fertile tract of Grand Isle. Heman alone remained behind. After five years of cheerful labor by the side of his hardy brother, Enoch, it had been sufficiently demonstrated that he was physically incapacitated for being a cultivator of the earth; he was constantly subject to the cruel visitation of "chapped hands" in an excessive degree; while his fondness for books and his superior powers of mind appeared to qualify him for a liberal profession. He therefore devoted his share of the small paternal inheritance to the expense of pursuing a preparatory classical course in the academy at Chesterfield, N. H. After two years thus spent, he rejoined the family at Grand Isle, making the journey on foot, and philosophically carrying with him all his possessions, which amounted to a

*Hoyt's Antiquarian Researches; William's Redeemed Captive Returning to Zion; New England Historical and Genealogical Register, II, 207-10.

†I give the names of all the children, as a specimen of puritan nomenclature worth preserving: 1, Enoch; 2, Abishai; 3, Heman; 4, Aretas; 5, Obed; 6, Mercy; 7, Eunice; and 8, Joel. . . The name of Mercy preserves the memory of our first Deerfield ancestress, Mercy Painter, wife of Edward Allen; as that of Eunice commemorates in like manner, the daughter of Samuel Allen who was struck down by the tomahawk of an Indian, when her father was killed in 1746.

‡Mr. Thompson says: The settlement of Grand Isle was commenced by Lamberton Allen and others about the year 1783. But my uncle, Hon. Joel Allen of North Hero, is able to fix the date precisely. It is well remembered in the family that Lamberton Allen arrived in Grand Isle just before the famous "dark day"; but the dark day occurred (Thompson, Part I, p. 16) on the 19th of May, 1780. The blank in Mr. Thompson's article Allen's Point, should be filled up, I suppose, by the name of Lamberton.

HON. JOEL ALLEN, born 8 July 1789, the day of his father's death, became a leading man in North Hero, Vt.; Judge of County Court 1818-23, Clerk of Court 1825, Judge of Probate 1828-43, Town Clerk 1828-45; State Senator 1837-8, was Representative, County Commissioner, County Treasurer many years; died 17 April 1868.

book or two and \$20 in money. He spent the next five or six years at first in continuing his Greek and Latin studies, under Enoch Allen's nearest neighbor, the learned and Rev. Asa Lyon, and afterwards in reading law, with necessary interruptions for the purpose of teaching school. He was at one time in the office of Elnathan Keyes of Burlington; but he always looked up to the late Hon. Judge Turner, then of Fairfield, afterwards of St. Albans, as his proper master.* He was admitted to the bar in 1803; and immediately opened an office in Holgate's tavern† in Milton, commencing business on a pecuniary basis of precisely twenty cents. As the people of Milton were always from the very first perfectly unanimous in their good opinion of Heman Allen, what law business there was in the place fell into his hands at once. Nor was it long before his justice practice extended regularly to the neighboring towns. Upon the heels of this preparatory work, there soon began to follow a large county and supreme court practice, which extended to the three counties of Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle. It was, however, characteristic of the modesty and diffidence of Heman Allen, that, with all his energy and resolution, he rather put off the day of appearing before any court higher than that of a justice of the peace. Nay, it was long before he could rise to a regular argument before a justice, or a justice's jury, without visibly trembling at the knees;‡ and when one of the cases, thus humbly begun, was carried up by appeal to the county court, he shrank from appearing in it himself, and entrusted it to his friend and senior, George Robinson. If his diffidence could not long keep him from the higher stage to which his business introduced him, it at least led him, from first to last, to prepare his cases with the greatest possible care and thoroughness. His excellent business habits also made him, early in his practice, the agent of several large non-resident land proprietors, and thus enabled him to acquire the peculiar character of being decidedly the best real estate lawyer on the circuit.§

*At some period, before his admission to the bar, he was a law student (so my uncle, Hon. Joel Allen, informs me) at Plattsburg, N. Y. I know, at any rate, that he was for some time in the family of Judge Platt of that place, as a tutor; but whatever law he may have learned must have been learned elsewhere, than in the judge's court, at least. For I have heard my father say that the good judge was never in a condition to hold any court at all after dinner, and that before dinner, if any lawyer was so ill advised as to produce a book, or cite a case, he was suddenly cut short by a hasty roar from the bench, of "O, devil, devil, devil. No law here. No law here."

†This was Samuel Holgate who soon after became a brother-in-law by my father's marriage with Sarah Prentiss, a younger sister of Samuel Holgate's second wife. Samuel and his brother Curtis Holgate were both men of extraordinary energy and enterprise. Samuel was foremost amongst the numerous lumbermen of Milton; Curtis removed to Burlington, and—a fact which escaped mention in its place—was the first man to build a wharf in Burlington bay. He stole a march upon the capitalists, who were talking about a wharf, by getting from the legislature the grant of an exclusive right; and then disappointed the same capitalists, of whom he had to borrow the requisite funds by making money so rapidly out of the half finished work, that he was able to meet all their demands at maturity, instead of surrendering his wharf to them under a foreclosure. After he had made a fortune out of it, he sold it to Mr. Henry Mayo, who afterwards associated with himself the late Judge Follett, under the firm of Mayo & Follett.

‡So, in particular, I have heard the late eminent judge Aldis say. He told me that when he himself had come down to Milton to attend a justice's court, he was equally surprised, fresh as he was from the advantages of a university and a law school, to find with what talent and knowledge he was met by my father, and to see the trembling knees of one who was doing battle so bravely.

§Our illustrious townsman, the Hon. George P. Marsh, once said to me that he believed Chief Justice Marshall to be the greatest living lawyer, and perhaps the greatest lawyer that ever lived, because he could give an opinion that should be the perfection of sound law, without either citing,

Ultimately, the nature and extent of his business united with other considerations to make it desirable for him to take up his residence in the chief town of his county; and he, accordingly, removed to Burlington in the month of May, 1828.

With professional advancement came a certain degree of political distinction. His temperament and tastes, not less than his systematic devotion to his professional and private business, disqualified him for being what is called a politician. His political opinions were, nevertheless, distinct and decided; and were held none the less firmly for being held with a liberality and good temper, which always secured him through life the respect and friendship of his political opponents. As parties stood, during his earlier public career, he was—and to his dying day was proud of having been—a federalist. As such he was the representative of Milton, in the state legislature in 1810; and, between that year and 1826, was re-elected eleven times, whenever, for the most part, he was willing to be a candidate. In 1827 he was sent as a delegate to the convention at Harrisburg; an honor, at that time, when such conventions were new, and composed of citizens really eminent.*

In 1832 during the administration of Gen. Jackson, Heman Allen was elected to congress, after a contest so protracted and so singular in its circumstances, that he often expressed his regret that he had allowed his peace to be disturbed by being a candidate at all. He served in four successive congresses. Although he had been a fluent and impressive speaker at the bar, he made no attempt to shine as an orator on the floor of the house. He, however, gained a high reputation as a useful member, by his conduct as one of the committee on revolutionary claims. It had become a kind of fashion, a settled rule of the house, to allow a certain class of these claims (perhaps because they came, of course, chiefly from Virginia), without requiring what ought to have been considered satisfactory evidence. When

or apparently leaning upon, anything that had ever been previously decided or written: His very mind was law. The same thought occurred to me, when afterwards I listened to an argument of surpassing ability, from Mr. Marsh's father, the Hon. Charles Marsh of Woodstock. To the same class of lawyers—without pretending to rate him so highly—I may venture to refer my father. He had read law with a master, who, at that day, knew just three books by heart, Blackstone, Burrowes' Reports and Douglass' Reports. In that way, perhaps, he had formed the habit of working out the application of legal principles in his own head, instead of hunting up in books the application as made to his hand by others. When consulted in his office he would invariably give his opinion by reasoning it out from principles: He would then tell me, or some other student, to "look it up in the books." I used, in fact to be amused (as a born "book lover") with the dislike he seemed to have for law books—the reluctance with which, from time to time, he added modern books to his library, after losing a cause because the case he had relied on, in Lord Raymond (for example) had been overruled by an impertinent contemporary—the aversion which he showed to either reading or hearing read a shelf of law books in the course of an argument. And yet, as being comparatively *homo unius libri*, he was in fact a better book lawyer even than most of his book-reading associates.

*He had been nominated for the preceding congress, but lost the election from causes that may be worth mentioning: First, the eagerness of his friends had led them to make the nomination hastily, without a proper understanding with the friends of Mr. Swift, the actual representative. Secondly, his case was spoiled by being complicated with that of his friend Gov. VanNess, who was, at the same time, a candidate for the United States senate. It was just at the critical moment when a "Jackson party" was forming in Vermont, and a certain suspicion was felt towards all the friends of Mr. VanNess, because it was believed that he—although he had commended the administration of John Quincy Adams in his message—was believed to be really favorable to the election of Gen. Jackson. How unfounded was the suspicion, so far as Mr. Allen was concerned, was abundantly proved by his subsequent course. During this canvass Heman Allen was elected by the legislature one of the judges of the supreme court, but declined to accept the office.

the chairman of the committee handed Mr. Allen his share of such papers, his first deviation from congressional routine was to put by all other claims upon his time, and to study each application, with its vouchers, thoroughly, precisely (he said) as he used to prepare his law cases. His next step was to inform the committee that their report ought (in his judgment) to be adverse to all the claims of this class.

They agreed that such ought to be the report, but dissuaded him, as a new member, from taking the unpopular step of setting himself, unavailingly, against the received practice of the house. When they found him, nevertheless, unshaken, in his opinion and his purpose, they allowed him to report as he pleased, and promised to sustain him. Accordingly, on the 9th day of February, 1839, comparatively early in the session, he brought his report before the house, and sustained it by a clear business-like speech of an hour in length; during which he was listened to with some surprise, and with the closest attention. He was replied to vehemently by the ablest of the southern gentlemen; but he closed the debate by an effectual rejoinder; and the house sustained him by an overwhelming majority. He was retained on the same committee during the rest of his service in congress, and was always able to sustain the new principle which he had thus introduced, with an enormous saving to the public treasury.*

The characteristic traits of Mr. Allen's character were brought into strong relief by the circumstances under which his public career was brought to a close. The Canadian insurrection broke out, and the neutrality bill of Gen. Washington's administration, with the necessary modifications, was recommended to congress for re-enactment by Mr. VanBuren. Mr. Allen's district was the focus of the warmest and most active sympathy with the insurgents. His friends at home wrote to him, therefore, to warn him, that if he voted for the bill there was not the slightest chance of his being re-elected to his seat. They knew him too well to advise him to vote against a bill which he could not but approve; they merely entreated him to absent himself from the house when the vote should be taken. Heman Allen was incapable of an act so cowardly, so much at variance with his sense of duty as a representative. He voted for the bill, and lost his seat in congress; but he neither lost his own self respect, nor the respect of those who had voted for another in his place.†

*Among those who congratulated my father on the good work he had done was John C. Calhoun. My father had a singular admiration for Mr. Calhoun as an orator; he would make sure of being in the senate chamber to hear him speak, when he would not stir for Clay or Webster. What he admired was the subtilty, the logical consecutiveness, and the condensation in which the able South Carolinian far surpassed both his rivals. I call to mind, however, at this moment, with what earnestness my father pronounced Calhoun (the very day on which I first saw him) to be the most dangerous man in existence; "He lives (said my father) with but one idea and one aim, to bring about the dissolution of the Union." This opinion he had derived, in part, from his friend Judge Prentiss, who—as a senator—had watched Calhoun longer and with better opportunities of observation. That of all the public men with whom my father became associated or acquainted, there was none whom he regarded with such esteem and veneration as John Quincy Adams, because (as he expressed it) he added to the highest talents and the largest acquirements the keenest sense of duty; he had time for all duties—he could do more public business than anybody else, and yet attend to his devotions daily, and go to church constantly and punctually on Sunday. My father sympathized so thoroughly with Mr. Adams in the stand which he took and maintained on the right of petition, that he once found himself with him in a minority of seven.

†Immediately on his return home, he declined being a candidate for re-election, on the ground that the unpopularity which he had incurred might secure the election of a candidate of the opposite party. He was, however, told, that no one else could run so well as he, so great was his per-

For the remaining years of his life he devoted himself with all the unforgotten alacrity and energy of his youth to his professional business. But his constitution had received many severe shocks, from various accidents to which he had habitually exposed himself by his habit of utterly disregarding hour and season, roads and weather, in keeping or returning from appointments. On one such occasion he had broken through the ice, at the Sandbar, between Milton and South Hero, and had struggled for an hour in the water during one of the coldest days of the winter, in the desperate attempt to raise himself out, or to break his way to the shore. A few years later, while returning by night from a business appointment, he was thrown from his sulky, and suffered a fracture of his leg, which left him so far lame for life as to check the usual activity of his habits, and to induce a serious derangement of his bodily system. Untaught by such experience, or rather, disregarding all such lessons where business with others was concerned, he now, early in 1844, exposed himself, during the coldest day of winter, in a journey to Lamoille county. He suffered severely from the cold. The reserve strength of youth, on which he had fallen back at other times, was at length gone; and he never recovered from the effects of the exposure. He lingered on until the 11th day of December, in the same year, when he expired suddenly and peacefully, with no one present but his son-in-law, the Rev. J. K. Converse, who had a short time before prayed with him, at his request.

Heman Allen was of lofty stature, over six feet high, and of commanding presence. His strongly marked countenance indicated that combination of massive strength of intellect with inflexible adherence to principle in private and public life, which formed the salient points of his character. His features, in repose, wore a slight expression of severity, which belied the real kindness of his disposition. The dignified simplicity of his manners was perfectly expressive of his habitual absence of all personal pretension.

Heman Allen was married on the 4th of December, 1804, to Sarah Prentis, daughter of Dr. Jonathan Prentis* of St. Albans. She survived him until the 1st of December, 1850. Their children were: Heman, died a freshman in the University of Vermont; 2, Lucius, died at the age of 19; 3,



Mrs. Sarah (Prentis) Allen.

sonal popularity. He consented, therefore, to stand; but after the first unsuccessful run he withdrew peremptorily and finally. It is a curious fact that the legislative representatives from the "sympathizing" counties were particularly anxious that my father should have the Whig nomination for United States Senator. How their good wishes and those of many others were frustrated, is a secret, which, at this late day, need not be exposed to the light. He was afterwards offered the Whig nomination for governor, but declined. Four or five years after the event, I had the opportunity of hearing from the lips of the late Hon. John Sergeant of Philadelphia in what light the house regarded my father's course in comparison with that of certain Northern representatives who "dodged" the dangerous vote. I have neglected to mention in a more appropriate connection, that Heman Allen was a member of the corporation of the University of Vermont from the year 1813 until his death. In none of his public duties did he take more interest than in this.

*For the benefit of those who are curious in genealogy I add, that my grandfather was of that less known branch of the Prentis family, of which some account is given in Miss Caulkins' admirable History of New London, and in Binney's History and Genealogy of the Prentice or Prentiss Family in New England. It descends from Valentine Prentis (who came to America

George, now professor of Greek and Latin in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; 4, Sarah, wife of Rev. John K. Converse of Burlington; 5, a daughter died in infancy; 6, Charles P. of Port Kent, N. Y.; 7, Joseph W., of whom a notice will be found in the history of Milton in this work;* 8, Julia, died at the age of 11 years; and James H., now of Montreal, Canada East.

GENEALOGICAL APPENDIX.

I. The name of Allen, being a Christian name, converted, in process of time, into a family name, may have been borne originally by several individuals, now is related to each other; but it indicates, in all its spellings (such as Alain, Aleen, Alleyn, etc.), a Norman origin. An Alain did, in fact, come in with the Conqueror, having commanded the rear guard at the battle of Hastings. Of the fifty families of the name, mentioned as still extant, in the books of heraldry, many have arms of very ancient date. The Alleyns of Essex, in particular, bear the arms of an ancient crusader, viz: on a shield *sable*, a cross potent *or*; with the crest, a demilion *azure*, holding in the two paws the rudder of a vessel *or*. Motto: Fortiter gerit Crucem. These arms are mentioned as borne, amongst others, by Sir Thomas Alleyn, bart., of Thaxted Grange, and by Samuel Alleyn, Esq., of Chelmsford, both in Essex.

II. When Mr. Hooker of Chelmsford came to New England, in 1632, and, a few years later (1636) to Windsor, Conn., he was accompanied by one of his congregation, Matthew Allen, whose name appears frequently and prominently on the early records of the town and colony. Later appear the names of Samuel and Thomas Allen, brothers. Samuel died in 1648, leaving three sons, Samuel, Nehemiah and John. Nehemiah died in 1684. One of his sons, Samuel, born in 1665, removed to Deerfield, then to Coventry, Conn. One of Samuel's sons, Joseph, was born in Deerfield in 1708 and died at Coventry in 1755. Joseph was the father of Gen. Ethan Allen, who was born at Woodbury, Conn., Jan. 10, 1737, and died at Colchester, Vt., Feb. 13, 1789. Heman Allen of Chili was a nephew of Ethan Allen's. Now the diligence and sagacity of the Rev. Dr. Allen have, for the first time, established the fact, that Ethan Allen's progenitor, Samuel, was a brother of Matthew Allen, and therefore of the Essex family of Alleyns. †

in 1631), through John Prentis, who settled in New London in 1651. The peculiar spelling of the name, and the coat of arms, as described to me by my grandfather (viz. Per chevron *or* and *sable*; three greyhounds, current counterchanged, collared; crest, a demi-greyhound rampant, *or*, collared ringed, and lined *sable*, the line coiled in a knot at the end), would appear to prove descent from the Prentys family of Wygenhall and Bursten in Norfolk. The names of Gilbert and Edgecumbe have been kept up by my grandfather and his descendants to commemorate the fact that one of our ancestresses was of the family of Sir Humphrey Gilbert, and another, of that of the Edgecumbes of Cornwall, now represented by the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe. It was immediately after a visit to Mount Edgecumbe, upon an invitation to spend the holidays there, that the famous Capt. John Prentis died, at London, in 1746.

* i. e. Hemenway's Vermont Gazetteer.

† The widow of the original Samuel, brother of Matthew, removed to Northampton, Mass. There the eldest son Samuel (born in 1634) died Oct. 18, 1718. One of his sons, Samuel (born July 6, 1675, died March 29, 1739), was a deacon of the church in Northampton, while Jonathan Edwards was pastor. One of his four sons, Joseph, was born April 5, 1712 and died Dec. 30, 1779. One of Joseph's eight sons, Thomas (born 1743, died in 1810), the first minister of Pittsfield, Mass., fought along with his people at the battle of Bennington. Of the seven sons of

III. SAMUEL ALLEN, uncle of Heman Allen of Milton and Burlington, the Indian captive and revolutionary soldier, who lived to be past ninety, preserved the traditional history of his branch of the Allens, which, with some help from records, may be given as follows: An officer of Cromwell's by the name of Allen (whose Christian name has been lost*), emigrated to New England, coming directly to Connecticut, landing, probably at New Haven. The date of his arrival cannot be placed much later than that of Matthew, Samuel and Thomas at Windsor. He married in this country, and had seven sons and one daughter. Of these, Samuel and Mary migrated to Elizabethtown, N. J.†

John purchased a right in Deerfield, in 1671, although he may not have settled there at once.‡ Edward, joining, at first in the migration to Elizabeth, there married Mercy Painter, who used to relate, that in her early years, she had seen the head of King Philip, as it was borne through her native town. After his marriage, Edward returned to New England, and settled, with his brother John, in Deerfield, at The Bars, in 1686. He died in 1740. Samuel, son of Edward (born in 1702 killed by the Indians August 25, 1746), was father of Caleb, Samuel, Eunice, Lamberton,§ and Enoch. Caleb lived and died at The Bars. Samuel was the Indian captive, afterwards a lieutenant in the revolutionary army. Lamberton was the settler of Grand Isle. Enoch was the father of Heman Allen of Milton and Burlington.

IV. The late Abishai Allen (an older brother of Heman Allen of Milton), who lived in the family of his uncle Caleb, at The Bars from 1787 and 1795, preserved the record of the following incident which occurred within his knowledge,|| viz: Gen. Ethan Allen made a visit to Caleb Allen for the purpose of comparing genealogies, in consequence, most probably, of a tradition of relationship current in both branches, and known to Ethan Allen through his father, who was born in Deerfield. The result of this session of the two old gentlemen, who, undoubtedly, like most seniors of that day, carried in their heads an inexhaustible store of genealogical

Thomas, one was Solomon M., the professor in Middlebury College, whose accidental death (in 1817) had been recorded in its place (Addison County), and another the venerable Rev. William Allen, D.D., of Northampton, Mass., late president of Bowdoin College, and author of the American Biographical Dictionary, to whose great kindness I am indebted for the above (and more) information, concerning the Allen family—information, which no other person living could have supplied.

*His son, John, is said (by the same tradition) to have been his eldest son. It is probable, therefore, that the Cromwellian soldier also rejoiced in this good old English name.

†For this singular migration of Connecticut settlers to New Jersey, at the invitation of Gov. Carteret, see Trumbull's History of Connecticut, vol. 1; Smith's History of New Jersey, p. 67, and Collections of the New Jersey Historical Society, vol. 1. Newark, Elizabeth, Woodbridge and Piscataway were settled wholly or in part from New England. Trumbull relates, that Mr. Pierson, of Branford, was so much dissatisfied with the terms of union (between the two Connecticut colonies) that he and almost his whole church emigrated to Newark (in 1665).

‡Or if he did, he withdrew from the town, with the rest, during King Philip's war, and returned only when joined by his brother Edward, in 1685; for the first baptism in his family stands on the records under date of 1686.

§A family name. The mother of Mercy Painter, Edward Allen's wife, was a Lamberton—a name which stands forth prominently in the early history of New Haven.

||It does not appear distinctly from the memoranda sent to me whether the visit took place during my uncle Abishai's residence at The Bars, and therefore within two years before the death of Ethan Allen, or whether having taken place at some earlier period—the fact and the result of the visit were communicated to him by his uncle Caleb between 1787 and 1796.

facts, was, that the tradition of relationship was fully confirmed. There is nothing in what we do know to invalidate this decision; and it was based on much, without doubt, which we do not know. It must therefore, I think, be taken as conclusive. If so, then the progenitor of the Deerfield branch must have been another brother of Matthew, one, who (like Samuel and Thomas) came to Connecticut later and in no direct association with him.* If so, again, the two Heman Allens were, as I have said, "probably related by blood," and both were of the Essex Alleyn family, and descendants of that stout Christian warrior, "who bravely bore the Cross

As far as to the Sepulchre of Christ."

The following anecdote of Heman Allen is from "Burlington 65 years ago," reminiscences of Harrison M. Vilas, in the Burlington Daily Free Press of 11 January 1900:

Among the most prominent men of the town were Judge Timothy Follett, a prominent candidate for United States senator; Heman Allen, for some time member of Congress, the two Bradleys, Harry and John; John N. Pomeroy; John and John H. Peck; Sion E. Howard; William R. Vilas; Horace and Luther Loomis; Wyllys Lyman, a prominent lawyer; ex-Gov. Cornelius P. VanNess; Charles Adams, a lawyer and father of the noted Sullivan Adams; President John Wheeler; Prof. George W. Benedict, and George P. Marsh.

It was during the year of which I write (1835) that the first abolitionist speaker in the State, and one of the first in the Union came to Burlington and addressed a large audience in the Unitarian Church. I was seated in the pew of Sion E. Howard. Anti-slavery agitation was then unpopular everywhere, even in Vermont and the people were unaccustomed to abolitionist talk, which seemed directed against one of the institutions of government.

However, the church was crowded when the speaker, whose name I have forgotten, arose at the appointed hour to address the audience. At this point the noises in the house, before considerable, increased, and a rumor went around that the speaker was to be mobbed. A considerable body of the rougher element of the town had gathered in the back part of the church and in the gallery, evidently bent on trouble. They were aided by several of the more prominent citizens who wished to stamp out anti-slavery discussion. Two or three of the younger business men of the city who are still alive, though of course very old, abetted the movement, but would be ashamed to see their names mentioned in that connection today.

The speaker had uttered hardly a dozen words when a man in the gallery shouted at him, "Sir! are you going to preach an abolitionist sermon?" Before the speaker could reply, Charles Adams, the lawyer, leaped upon the seat of his pew and, waving his cane toward the rowdy in the gallery, shouted, "Sir, you are out of order there." Mr. Adams had barely spoken the words when Hon. Heman Allen, then member of Congress, a man of large, powerful frame and some 225 pounds avoirdupois, who was sitting in one of the side pews, arose like a lion disturbed in his lair, rushed to the front, while he gazed around over the hushed audi-

*This relationship is also referred to on pages 110 and 111 of Vol. 1 of Records of Council of Safety and Governor and Council of the State of Vermont.

ence as though he would search out and tear into fragments any violator of the rights of free speech, and raising his voice so that the very belfry trembled, said, "If there is anyone here that doesn't want to hear the man speak, I wish he would leave the house." The spirit of disorder was quelled at once by the determined front of those two patriots. The rowdies either slunk from the house or remained in quietness, and the speaker was listened to with respectful attention during the remainder of his discourse.

As set forth in the History and Genealogy of the Prentice or Prentiss Family in New England, by C. J. F. Binney, the line of Sarah Prentis⁶ wife of Heman Allen (*Enoch*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Edward*,² *Edward*¹) is Dr. Jonathan,⁵ Capt. Joseph,⁴ Capt. Stephen,³ John,² Valentine.¹

VALENTINE PRENTICE,¹ the founder of this branch of the Prentis family, settled in Roxbury in 1631. He is supposed to have been related to Robert Prentice of Roxbury, Henry Prentice of Cambridge and Capt. Thomas Prentice of Newton. Rev. John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," made the following entry in the church book at Roxbury:

"Valentine Prentise. he came to thisland in the years. 1631. & joyned to the church in the years 1632. he brought but one child to the Land, his son John. & buried anoth^r at sea: he lived a godlylife. & went through much affliction by bodily infirmity. & died leaving a good sav' of Godlyness behind him. Alice Prentise the wife of Valentine Prentise after her husbands death, she was married to John Watson of this church."

THE PRENTICE-PRENTISS FAMILIES.

(From Binney's Prentice-Prentiss Genealogy, revised edition.)

This is an old English name. Rymer's "Foedera," Vol. III, p. 730, mentions a Thomas Prentiz, A. D. 1318, An. 12, Edward II. See also English Branches for William de Prentice de Leak, England, 1341. Pelkinton's "Derbyshire," London, 1789, Vol. II, speaks of Peter Prentiz, member of the House of Commons from Derby, 34 and 35 Edward III, about 1361-2, and John Prentiz, a member from Derby, An. 6, Henry IV, and of Elizabeth Prentise,* who married the Earl of Ferran, A. D. 1778, and Richard Prentiz, Vol. VIII, p. 294, A. D. 1403, An. 4, Henry IV. John Prentys was Rector of Winterborn, Bradston, Aug. 22, 1713, and Prebendary of New York, North Newbold, which he resigned Aug. 22, 1723. A few early names are in the Great Britain branches.

The name in America is believed to have been originally spelled Prentice.† Some branches since spell it Prentiss, and some Prentis. In the following pages‡ the names of the different branches are spelled as found, or written by themselves, when known; otherwise written Prentice. Capt. Thomas Prentice, of Newton, Mass., wrote *tice*, as

*Variously spelled.

†On old records in New England names of individuals were often written by town clerks, etc., from their mode of spelling, from the sound of a name. The original Roxbury and Cambridge branches spelled Prentice. Valentine, of Roxbury, name was spelled there on the records *tice*; but after his son, John the "smith," went to New London, Conn., that name there is spelled Prentis, and is so continued in that branch, though some of the subsequent families of it have since spelled *tiss* and *tice*. [The name also occasionally appears as Prentts.]

‡Refers to pages of Binney's Prentice-Prentiss Genealogy, from which this account of Prentice-Prentiss families, together with the foot notes appended, is copied.

did Henry the Planter, of Cambridge, Mass. Some branches in Great Britain yet spell Prentis and Prentiss; the most of them spell Prentice. Many of the younger American branches have changed the name from *tis* to *tiss* or *tice*, or *vice versa*; and it is often necessary in tracing one to look at the index spelled each way.

Savage thought that Valentine Prentice and family accompanied Eliot, who was from Nazing, Essex, England, in the Lion. He was made free-man 7 August 1632, and died soon, for his widow* married John Watson, 3 April 1634.

Mr. Binney was at some pains to collect instances of use of coat armor by foreign and American families of Prentice. He showed in each edition of his book a coat of arms procured from the "Herald office, London," by the late Ezra P. Prentice of Mt. Hope, Albany; *Gyronny of eight azure and or, on a chief argent a fleur-de-lis between two crescents gules*. Crest: *an eagle displayed, in his dexter claw a dagger, in his sinister claw a pistol*. Motto: *Droit en Avant*. These arms are used by the Prentice family of Leeds, Stowmarket, etc.

Another coat of arms in use in New England is taken from a satin sampler worked by Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Joshua Prentiss of Holliston, the great-aunt of Nathaniel Appleton Prentiss, Esq., of New York, whose father of the same name was of South Andover, Mass. These arms are the same as used by a Norfolk, England, family, viz: *Per chevron or and sable three greyhounds courant, counter-changed, collared*. Crest: *a demi-greyhound rampant or, collared, ringed and lined sable, the line coiled in a knot at the end*.

A painting by Doyle of Boston, in the possession of Mrs. Stetson, a granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Prentice of Charlestown, Mass., represented the arms of Kettell impaling Prentiss.†

Still another coat of arms in possession of Caleb Prentiss of Danvers, Mass., was *Argent, on a chevron gules between three greyhounds sable, a demi-lion rampant azure*. Crest: *a hunter, a gun by his side, a greyhound sable*. This was probably by Doyle, and is also said to have belonged to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Joshua Prentiss of Holliston.

Berry gives for Prentis of Scotland: *Argent, a chevron between three greyhounds courant sable*. Crest: *a leopard's face gules spotted or*. Also of Prentisse: *Azure a chevron between three roses, argent*.

*The Concord records note that an Alice Prentice died 8-1 mo. 1643. Alice wife of John Watson was living in 1671.

†Described by Mr. Binney as follows: *Kettell* — "upper and lower parts *sa.* chev. with three female figures in white kneeling;" *Prentiss* — "shield *ar.* divided by a bar *gu.* two greyhounds in the upper part and one in the lower part all *sa.* on the bar a demi-lion rampant *az.*"

The following notices of the family are taken from Binney's Prentice-Prentise Genealogy, revised edition.

JOHN PRENTICE¹, son of Valentine and Alice, was born in England, and came over with his parents in 1631. He married Hester —, and died in 1691. He was "Admitted to the Roxbury church, 24 d., 7 mo., 1665" (per records of the First Church, Roxbury, Mass.), and here he carried most of his children to be baptized.* He was a skillful blacksmith, and on that account was offered, Feb. 28, 1651-52, special privileges as an inducement to settle in New London, Conn. After declining Hadley's invitation, he accepted the invitation, removing to New London in 1652, soon after its settlement, and had granted him a house lot at the southeast corner of the Parade, where Bank Street now opens, and a shop was built for him. He had a subsequent grant of land at Nahantic, now Waterford; and in 1660 he bought land of John Calkins and Hugh Roberts, who were about removing to Norwich. This land was located on "Robin Hood's Bay," now Jordan Cove. "Here he removed, after following his trade as blacksmith for six or seven years, but in a few years again changed his main pursuit, and entered upon a seafaring life after 1670. His sons also (according to the usual custom of New London) began the business of life upon the sea." He was the third commander of the ship "New London" seventy tons, built in New London, 1666, by Coit and Mould, and employed in the European trade; and in 1678 the same firm built for him a vessel of one hundred tons, which bore the family name of "John and Hester," in which he and his sons made several voyages. One half of this vessel was sold for £222 10s., "payment to be made in N. Y. flour at 15s. per cwt. and pork at 50s. per bbl."

That he was a man of intelligence is shown by his being chosen "Townes Attorney," Oct. 30, 1667, and deputy to the Connecticut General Assembly in 1668. He was assessed in 1667 for £175, one of the thirteen highest valuations in the town. In 1685 the town of New London granted him two hundred acres of land "for the charges and disbursements of many years, particularly in sustaining a course of law with the town of Lyme

*Of these baptisms the records of the Roxbury Church say: "John, son to John Prentice, baptized 7 mo. 29, 1667; and Joseph, Jonathan, Peter, Steven, Ester, children of John Prentice, baptized 2, 19, 1668." Mr. Edward Prentis, of New London, writes: "He probably went to Roxbury to have his children baptized in those two years, as New London, though not destitute of a minister, had no regularly ordained clergyman, qualified to administer the ordinances, until 1670, when John Prentis was a member of Mr. Bradstreet's church, which was commenced Oct. 5, 1670. In the ministry tax, 1664, in New London, John Prentis's property was assessed £176, and his name spelt Prentis. The first of his children baptized in New London was Hannah, in 1672." This gentleman, a descendant of the sixth generation, has the original deed from John Prentice, "the smith" dated 1691, conveying a farm to his son Stephen.

concerning the west bounds." His will in the Probate records shows his death to have been in 1691.* Simon Bradstreet's journal, of Jan. 6, 1679-80, had this record of his wife's death: "Goodwife Prentice, aged about 44 or 40, dyed. She was a pious woman, and of a very sweet nature, an excellent neighbor."

His son Jonathan's son, John Prentis,⁴ 3rd (*Jonathan,³ John,² Valentine¹*), was one of New London's famous sea-captains; and in the expedition against Cape Breton, in 1744, commanded the colony war sloop "Defence," which sailed from New London with the transports as convoy and carried Gen. Roger Wolcott, commander-in-chief of the expedition, and one hundred men. His commission as captain of the "Defence" was dated March 19, 1744. His vessel took part in the capture of rich prizes. Two years after, in April 1746, he, with Mr. James Bowdoin, of Boston, went to England to urge the claims of the provincial seamen to a share of the prize-money, which was withheld by Admiral Warren. The Admiralty allowed the claim and placed the British and provincial vessels on the same footing. Capt. Prentis, while awaiting the decision of the court, made an excursion into Cornwall to visit the Edgcombes of Mount Edgcombe, being invited thither to partake of the Christmas festivities.† While absent on this tour he took the small-pox, of which disease he died after his return to London, in January 1746-47. Previous to his voyage to England, he had bought up the claims of his crew to their share of the prize-money. This money was allowed by the Admiralty, and transmitted to Boston, but from some delay, the causes of which are not now understood, it was not paid over to the heirs of Prentis for many years; not, indeed, until after the marriage of all his daughters.‡

"Prentis's papers came home from London after he died there,§ to New London, Conn., and were packed away in a barrel in the attic, as worthless, and the family knew nothing of the decree until the children were grown up and married. One day, Mr. Richard Law, a son-in-law, in passing through the kitchen, noticed a paper on the floor, among others, which the ladies of the family were using from the barrel to put under cake in baking! On examining the paper he picked up, he discovered it was the identical decree for the prize-money. They gave the paper to

*Estate settled 1706, his son John his executor.

†Capt. John Prentis's sister Elizabeth married an Edgcombe, who was probably connected with the Edgcombe family.

‡"In the great thunder-storm, Sunday, Aug. 31, 1735, P.M. the old Saltonstall meeting-house was struck by lightning, and John Prentice and forty-six others prostrated; all recovered but Edward Burch."

§A story is told that a man on a horse, like Capt. Prentis, rode through New London, the day he died in London, and knocking at doors and exclaiming, "Capt. Prentis is dead."

him, and he told them not to use any more of those papers. He started for Boston, and saw Mr. Bowdoin, who acknowledged the claim. Business matters were not then so generally settled by attorneyship and proxy as at present, and on the occasion of the payment of these arrears the family train, consisting of the younger John Prentis and his five sisters, with their respective husbands, all went to Boston together, on horseback, to receive their dues. The females had never before been so far away from home, and almost every incident was to them a novel adventure. Two days were occupied in going and the same in returning, the intermediate night being spent at a tavern in Plainfield. Each of the men was a character of peculiar stamp. Among them were a lawyer, a mechanic, a merchant, a farmer, and two sea-captains, one of them of Irish birth. Capt. William Coit was particularly original in his manner. He was blunt, jovial, eccentric; very large in frame; fierce and military in his bearing, and noted for always wearing a scarlet cloak. The populace of New London called him 'the great red dragon.' We can readily imagine that this journey would be full of strange scenes and occurrences. Could it be faithfully described, no fanciful embellishments would be necessary to render it a rare descriptive sketch."*

John Prentis 3rd's, great grandson, CAPTAIN CHARLES PRENTIS' (John,* John,* John,* Jonathan,* John,* Valentine'), was born in Franklin, Conn., 3 May 1811. He had an eventful life. "Receiving a common-school education, he took to the sea and spent twenty years in whale fishing and trading voyages, once going around the globe. He was then a New London shipping master. In addition to representing the town one year, he was several times a member of the common council, and was first alderman and chairman of the finance committee. In 1863 Capt. Prentis was in England, and it was his fortune to render his country a signal service. With Yankee shrewdness and courage he contrived to gain admission to the shipyard of the Lairds, at Birkenhead, where he made an inspection, with the eyes of a seaman, of the two rebel rams, almost ready for sea. With the information thus acquired, he hurried to the United States consul at Liverpool, Mr. Dudley, and gave facts on which was based a remonstrance to the British government which resulted in orders to stop the rams. How much of life and property were saved by the boldness and address of Capt. Prentis can only be surmised by recalling the history of the 'Alabama' and the 'Shenandoah.' Capt. Prentis is a Republican; and if his clear judgment and patriotic instincts are followed, the party will not go far astray." — Hartford Evening Post, May 5, 1875.

* Miss Caulkins's History of New London, and letter of Mr. Edward Prentis

COLONIAL SERVICE OF JOHN PRENTIS, SR., DEPUTY AND APPRAISER,
AND JOHN PRENTIS, JR., CAPTAIN AND SURVEYOR.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, MARCH 22, 1898.

This is to certify that the following appears in Colonial Records State of Connecticut in relation to

JOHN PRENTICE.

On page 94 records 1665-1677 appears the following: John Prentice Deputy from Fairfield to the General Assembly holden at Hartford, Oct. 8th, 1668.

On page 137, same book, appears the following:

John Prentice nominated as appraiser at a court of election holden at Hartford, Oct. 13th, 1670.

In 1670, appendix to same book:

John Prentice complained of certain men for riotous practices, and assault on New London people, etc., on account of the "New London and Lyme riots" caused by a disagreement about ministry land which was reserved at Black Point by the inhabitants of both New London and Lyme. It was a meadow, and thirty men went from New London to mow the grass in said meadow for the minister, and were met by a party from Lyme who were going for the same purpose. A riot ensued.

On page 73 Colonial Records 1689-1706 appears the following:

"At a court of election held in Hartford May 12th, 1692, John Prentiss is appointed Captain of the Fort under inspection of Major Winthrop at New London, and it is directed that he be commissioned accordingly."

At a court of election held at Hartford Oct. 10th 1695 (page 155): "This Court doe order Captain John Prentis to be continued Captain of New London Fort till the Court shall order otherwise."

Continued May 1702 "as Captain in reparation of the Fort," and one third of the Company in that town (New London) ordered to service in reparation of the fort.

Discharged Captain John Prentiss as Captain of the Fort May 9th, 1695.

Appointed Surveyor, May 1702, at a council held in New London Dec. 13th, 1704.

In witness whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Ass't Adj't. General.

With the exception of the certificates of Colonial Service, the accounts herein of John Prentis, Senior,² Stephen Prentis,³ and John Prentis, Jr.,⁴ are copied verbatim from Binney's Prentice-Prentiss Genealogy above referred to.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN PRENTIS,³ son of John and Hester; born 26 December 1666; married Elizabeth, daughter of John Rogers, and granddaughter of Matthew Griswold. Baker's History of Montville, Conn., says that she was born in New London 8 November 1671. Stephen Prentis was deputy to the General Assembly for the years 1712, 1728, 1729 and 1731; one of the selectmen of New London in 1713; and in 1714 is appointed "to

be lieutenant of the 4th Company of New London." He probably afterwards became captain, as in 1728 the General Assembly appoint "Captain Stephen Prentis, of New London, and Mr. Thomas Lee, of Lyme, to be overseers of the Indians at Niantick." In 1736 he has this appointment:

"Whereas this Assembly are now informed that the Nahantick Indians desire their children may be instructed, thereupon it is resolved, that the Colony Treasurer do pay out of the publick treasury unto Messrs. Thomas Lee, of Lyme, and Stephen Prentis, of New London, the sum of 15 pounds: who are appointed to receive the same, and therewith they shall hire some suitable person to instruct the said children to read, and also in the principles of the Christian religion."

He inherited and lived on his father's farm, near Niantic Ferry, now Millstone Point, and here he died in 1758, aged 92, having been blind several years. His wife died April 30, 1737.

The Lake's Pond property, which he and his brother Jonathan purchased together, he left to his son Joseph and grandson Stephen, and the "Bruen's Neck farm, on which I live," to his son John, who also had the old farm running west of Beebe Brook to the sea.

COLONIAL SERVICE OF CAPT. STEPHEN PRENTIS.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, MARCH 17, 1898.

This is to certify that the following appears in Colonial Records State of Connecticut 1726-1735 in relation to

STEPHEN PRENTISS.

On page 96 appears the following:

"This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Stephen Prentts (Prentiss) of New London to be Captain of the fourth company or train band in the town of New London aforesaid, and order he be commissioned accordingly." Done at a General Assembly holden at Hartford, May 11, Annoque Dom. 1727.

On page 176, same book appears the following:

"Upon the memorial of the Niantick Indians:—Resolved by this Assembly that Captain Stephen Prentiss of New London, and Mr. Thomas Lee of Lyme shall be overseers, and they are hereby appointed to be overseers to the said Indians at Niantick." Done at a Generall Assembly holden at Hartford, May 9th, Annoque Dom. 1728.

Stephen Prentiss of New London Deputy to General Assembly Oct. 10th, 1728, Oct. 9th, 1729, May 13th, 1731, Oct. 14th, 1731.

In testimony whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Ass't Adj't. General.

(SEAL)

The following is in regard to Capt. Stephen's brother, John Prentis, Jr., son of John, Sr., and Hester:

"John Prentice, Jr., upon his petition, had the grant of a permit to sayle from New London to the Island of Barbadoes, in the barke Adventure with five men, provided he carry no prohibited goods."—Journal of the Council, Oct. 29, 1675.

"John Prentice, Jr., master of the ship New London, Action of debt against said ship for wages in navigating said ship to Europe and back."—Minutes of Cases in County Court, 1690.

By the following extracts from the Connecticut colonial records, it appears that he had given up a seafaring life:

"This Court doe appoynt John Prentice under inspection of Major Winthrop, to bee Captaine of the Forte at New London, and is to bee commissioned accordingly. And this Court doe grant him the sum of tenn pownds for his service till the last of October next."—May 12, 1692.

At the next General Court the records show his re-appointment as captain of the fort:

"This court doe order John Prents (Prentis) to be continued captain of New London forte till this Court shall order other wise, any former order notwithstanding." Records of the General Court, October 1695.

"Ordered, That Captain John Prentis, who is already in comission* for the forte at Newlondon,—be continued, and that one-third (or such other part as the Governor shall see meet) of the companies of said town be ordered to that service under the said Prentis, his comand."—*Ibid.*, May 1702.

The General Court, in October 1704, appointed him "Surveyor for the Countie of Newlondon, and to be conferred according to lawe;" and in the years 1703 and 1704 he was sent as Deputy to the General Court. In 1706 he was sheriff, as shown by this record of the General Assembly for that year:

"Allowed to Captain John Prentts (Prentis), Sherif of Newlondon countie, 4 shillings per day for attendance upon this Court 8 days."

In 1708 he was appointed captain of "the North company, of Newlondon." Feb. 21, 1711–12, the records again speak of him as sheriff of New London County.

"At a meeting of the Council in New London, Nov. 7, 1710—Mr. Jonathan Prentts (Prentis), Justice,—Ordered, that Richard Christophers, Esq., pay unto Captain John Prentts, out of the bills of credit in his hand belonging to the Colony, the sum of 1 pound 18 shillings and 10 pence, for the entertainment of Major Burr and his company." Colonial Records.

The records also have orders, July 28, 1711, to pay him "for subsisting the British officers, and conveying them by water in his boat to New

* He commanded the Province Galley several years.

Haven, 2 pounds;" and, in 1712, "for entertaining a post from Deerfield, 6s. 9½ p." Feb. 23, 1713-14, "upon the application made to this Board in behalf of the volunteers to whom the General Assembly of this Colony granted a tract of land for a plantation," he was chosen one of a committee to encourage its settlement.

Another brother of Capt. Stephen Prentis was Jonathan Prentis³ (*John,¹ Valentine¹*), who was in early life a prosperous seaman and merchant, being part owner of the brigantine "Prosperous" in 1678. In 1702, he was chosen deputy to the General Court, and from 1710 to 1716 was one of the justices of New London, and served for these years as a member of the governor's council. In 1715 he was appointed one of the overseers of the Niantic Indians; and the colonial records give his appointment as justice of the peace for the years 1726 and 1727, and speak of him in 1735 as having been one of the agents of New London, "but now deceased." He was an officer of the first and oldest ecclesiastical society of New London, 23 January 1726-27. In 1726 he was appointed by the General Assembly one of a committee to "receive of the executors of the late Hon^{ble} Governour Saltonstall the arms used in the expedition against Canada." Inventory of his estate, £6,814 9. 4d. He and his brother, Capt. Stephen, bought the "Lake's Pond estate," and divided it into two farms. It was located in what is now Montville, and included the beautiful sheet of water called "Lake's Pond," from its first owner. "Mrs. Lake hath given her in the woods west from the town at a plaine, by a pond called Plaine Lake, 300 acres of upland with the meads by the pond and the pond." New London Town Records, 19 December 1653. This grant, "nominally 300 acres, being measured with the generous amplitude so common in that day, was twice the size of the original grant. It was of a seven cornered figure including the beautiful oval lake. Within the area were hillsides and glens, woodlands and swamps almost impenetrable. This estate was bequeathed by Mrs. Lake to the children of her daughter, Gallop, by whom it was sold to the Prentis brothers." Caulkins: *History of New London*, p. 87.

Jonathan's daughter, Elizabeth, married Samuel Edgecombe, born 1690, son of John Edgecombe, Sr., of New London and grandson of Nicholas Edgecombe of Plymouth, Old England.

The following is the line of Elizabeth Rogers (*John,² James¹*), who married Stephen Prentis: James,¹ John,² Elizabeth.³

JAMES ROGERS¹. In her *History of New London, Conn.*, Miss Caulkins says of James Rogers: that he is supposed to be the James Roger who came to America in the "Increase" in 1635, aged 20 (*Gleanings, Mass. Hist. Coll., 2nd Series, Vol. 8, p. 161*); that he

was first known to the historian at Stratford, Conn., where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Rowland, who left his farm to Samuel Rogers, his grandson, which leads to the supposition that Elizabeth was his only child; that he (James Rogers) is soon after found at Milford, Conn., where his wife united with Mr. Prudden's church in 1645, and himself in 1652; that he had dealings in New London in 1656, and that between that time and 1660 he fixed himself firmly in that plantation, where he soon acquired property and influence, was much employed in civil and ecclesiastical affairs, was six times representative to the General Court, had a greater interest in the trade of the port than any other person in the place, and that his landed possessions were very extensive. His death occurred in February 1687-8.

COLONIAL SERVICE OF JAMES ROGERS.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, JUNE 9, 1899.

This is to certify that the following appears in relation to
JAMES ROGERS

in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut.

At a session of the General Assembly holden in Hartford June 5th, 1659, the petition of James Rogers was read and considered and ye things petitioned, granted, viz: 150 acres next unto ye bounds of New London, provided it does not damnify the Indians nor ye plantation of New London, or any farm laid out, Goodman, Morgan and Avery to lay it out to him.

He hath liberty granted to improve what land Uncas hath given him.

At a court of election holden at Hartford, May 17th, 1660. This Court do appoint for commissioner James Rogers for ye year ensuing.

At a court of election holden in Hartford, Oct. 9th, 1662, corn was assigned by constable to James Rogers.

At a General Assembly holden in Hartford March 11th, 1662-3, account of James Rogers audited respecting the Patent Corn.

James Rogers was deputy to General Court holden at Hartford, May 10th, 1665, Assistant to General Court, May 9th, 1678, May 8th, 1679 and May 13th, 1680.

In Testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed)

WM. E. F. LANDERS,

(SEAL)

Col. and Asst. Adjutant General.

In Miss Caulkins' History of New London, James Rogers is mentioned as lessee of town mill; as one of those engaged in the Pequot War to whom the Government in 1671 gave bounties of land for services in that war; delegate to convey call to Rev. Nathaniel Brewster; member of Mr. Bradstreet's church at New London; on Highway Committee; on Committee for settlement of boundary dispute with Saybrook; one of the Committee on Fortification, during King Philip's War. Also as having built and occupied a stone house next to Gov. Winthrop's; also involved in litigation (finally amicably settled) with Gov. Winthrop's sons in regard to boundaries; as in correspondence with Gov. Winthrop regarding settlement of boundary claims of Uncas; as grantee of

lands deeded him by Uncas and his sons in recompense for services rendered to them and their tribe; as owner of large tracts of land at Mohegan and on Bruen's Neck, of 2400 acres in partnership with Col. Pyncheon of Springfield, of land at Upper Mamacock, and of town lots. His tax assessment was nearly double that of any other inhabitant. His son, James Rogers, Jr., was a well known sea captain.

JOHN ROGERS,² of Milford and New London, Conn., was the founder of the religious sect called "Rogerenes," "Rogerene Quakers" and sometimes "Rogerene Baptists." For an account of the religious persecutions which he suffered and apparently courted, see Chapter XIV of Miss Caulkins' History of New London, which also gives an extended account of the Rogers family. He was baptized in 1648 and died 17 October 1721 on his farm at Upper Mamacock, two miles north of New London. The ancestress of this line was his first wife Elizabeth Griswold, daughter of Matthew Griswold. Baker's History of Montville, Conn., contains a history and genealogy of the Rogers family, and gives the date of John Rogers' birth as 1 December 1648, in Stratford, Conn., and 17 October 1670 as the date of his marriage to Elizabeth Griswold. Her father, Matthew Griswold, came from Kenilworth, England, to Windsor, Conn., in 1639 and removed to Saybrook about 1645-6.

Matthew Griswold, son of George Griswold, of the Warwickshire family of this name, was one of the first magistrates at Windsor and had charge of Gov. Fenwick's affairs when he left the Colony. He had a large tract of land on which he settled at Blackhall, a pleasant part of old Lyme, Conn., which has been the seat of the Griswold family for two and a half centuries. To the church in Saybrook of which Lyme was then a part, he presented a silver communion cup, bearing the following inscription attesting his gift:

S. C. C. DONO DOMINI MATTHEW GRISWOLD.

He was the first actual occupant in Lyme (set off from Saybrook 1665-6), where the title to his land was said to have been a fief or feudal grant, held upon the tenure of keeping the monument of Lady Fenwick in repair. He died in Lyme, Conn., 27 September 1698, was buried in Saybrook, but his grave is unknown—the more noticeable as the monument still standing in Windsor over the grave of his father-in-law, Henry Wolcott, is ascribed to his agency. The supposition that this and other monuments of that day were his workmanship is probably an error as there is absolutely no evidence that he, the most influential and probably wealthiest man in Lyme, possessor of a large estate, called Blackhall, was a stone cutter. He was Commissioner, Lieutenant of train band, Justice of the Peace, and frequently a Deputy to the General Court. His wife survived him and was living in September 1700, aged about 80 years. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was born about 1652, and died July 1727.

COLONIAL SERVICE OF LIEUT. MATTHEW GRISWOLD.**STATE OF CONNECTICUT.****ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,****HARTFORD, JUNE 9, 1899.**

This is to certify that the following appears in relation to

MATTHEW GRISWOLD

in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut.

At a General Assembly holden in Hartford, March 9th, 1647, "It is ordered that there shall be a rate of 150 pounds paid by the country whereof no man shall pay above a third part in Indian, and it is intended that the Capten shall have 60 pounds thereof for a year and a half, and 40 pounds to Matthew Griswold and the rest for the committee for the Fort."

At a Court of election holden at Hartford, May 17th, 1660, "It is further granted that ye Dep. Governor and Matthew Griswold shall lend unto New London two great guns from Sea Brook (Saybrook) with shot, such as ye judge may be convenient to let go from thence."

At a session of the General Assembly at Hartford, March 10th, 1663; "This Court order that the town of New London shall pay unto — Matthew Griswold, and Thomas Minor what is due unto them for laying out the bounds of New London."

At a General Assembly holden at Hartford, May 10th, 1666, Matthew Griswold appointed to lay out bound of land for the Indians and report to next General Assembly.

At a General Assembly holden at Hartford, Oct. 16th, 1666, Matthew Griswold was appointed with one other person within the space of a month to send up to the Treasurer a true valuation of ye ratable estate of the persons that have estate in that place called Lyme over against Saybrook.

Matthew Griswold was Deputy to a General Court, holden in Hartford, Oct. 10th, 1667, and May 14th, 1668.

Supplied the place of a Lieutenant at Lyme until a choice was made by appointment from Court of election, holden in Hartford May 16th, 1667.

Appointed Deputy May 9, 1678, Oct. 9, 1679, May 13, 1680, Oct. 14, 1680, Oct. 13, 1681, May 11, 1682, May 10, 1683, Oct. 11, 1683, Oct. 9, 1684, May 14, 1685, Oct. 8, 1685.

Appointed Commissioner May 8, 1679, May 12, 1680, May 12, 1681, May 11, 1682, May 10, 1683, May 8, 1684, May 14, 1685, May 13, 1686, May 12, 1687, May 9, 1689.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed) **WM. E. F. LANDERS,**

(SEAL)

Col. and Asst. Adjutant General

Mathew Griswold married, 16 October 1646, Anna, daughter of Henry Wolcott of Windsor, Conn., who emigrated from England, and was the ancestor of the prominent Wolcott family of Connecticut which has included so many distinguished members. Henry Wolcott was of Dorchester in 1630. He was the son of John Wolcott of Tolland, in Somersetshire, England, and was baptized in the adjoining parish of Lydiard St. Lawrence, 6 Dec. 1578. He married, 19 Jan. 1606, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Saunders of Lydiard St. Lawrence. She was baptized 20 December 1584. Anna Wolcott came over from England with her sister and youngest brother after the family had become settled in New England.

Henry Wolcott "was, probably, after the pastor, the

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most distinguished man in Windsor." In 1637 he was a member of the Committee of Twelve, lower house, General Assembly. In 1643 he was elected a member of the House of Magistrates and was annually reelected during life. He died in Windsor, 30 May 1655, and his wife died 7 July 1655. The Salisbury Memorial says that the Wolcott family is found to have been in Tolland, Co. Somerset, England, as early as 1525. By the death of his brother Christopher in 1639, Henry Wolcott inherited an estate in Tolland, part of Gal-den Manor.

COLONIAL SERVICE OF HENRY WOLCOTT.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, JUNE 13, 1899.

This is to certify that the following appears in relation to
HENRY WOLCOTT
in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut.

Henry Wolcott sworn in as constable at a court of elec-
tion holden at Newtown, April 26, 1636. Mentioned as collec-
tor for Hartford, Feb. 9th, 1637.

Deputy to Particular Court June 5, 1643.

Appointed to survey highway, Court of election April
10th, 1645.

Deputy to a General Assembly holden in Hartford, Sept.
9th, 1647.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal
of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Asst. Adjutant-General.

(SEAL)

CAPTAIN JOSEPH PRENTIS,⁴ of New London, Conn. (son of Stephen and Elizabeth), born 27 May 1701; will proved 9 November 1773, inventory £440. He lived on the "Lake Pond Farm." He had a commission as Lieutenant of Fifth Company or train band of New London, October 1737, and was commissioned Captain of same 3 June 1748.

COLONIAL SERVICE OF CAPT. JOSEPH PRENTIS.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, MARCH 25, 1898.

This is to certify that the following appears in Colonial Records State of Connecti-
cut in relation to

JOSEPH PRENTISS

In "Colonial Records" 1735-1744, page 121, appears the following:

At a General Assembly holden at Hartford Oct. 13, Nov. 2 Anno Domini 1737, this Assembly do establish Joseph Prentiss Lieutenant of the 5th Company or train-band in town of New London and order that he be commissioned accordingly.

In Colonial Records 1744-1750 appears the following:

This Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Joseph Prentice to be Captain of the 5th Company or train band in the town of New London and order that he be commis-
sioned accordingly.

Done at a general assembly holden at Hartford May 12th, June 3rd, Annoque Do-
mini 1748.

(No further record)

In testimony whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Ass't Adj. General.

(SEAL)

Capt. Joseph Prentis married, 2 May 1727, Mercy Gilbert. Mr. Charles H. Miner of New London, from authentic and unquestioned records, finds that she was born in Colchester, Conn., 4 October 1709, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Rogers) Gilbert and granddaughter of Jonathan and Mary (Wells) Gilbert of Hartford, Conn. This conclusion was also reached by Mr. Eben Putnam, editor of *The Genealogical Quarterly Magazine*, after a careful examination of town and county records.

JONATHAN GILBERT,¹ in 1645, being about 27 years of age, was a bachelor landholder in Hartford, Conn., and soon after married Mary White, daughter of John White. He had probably been in New England some time, as he was familiar with the language of the Indians. As interpreter between the Indians and the English government, he "rendered important service in the subsequent Indian wars and difficulties by his facility in the language and his resolute bravery. He was generally selected as a leader in emergencies of danger and importance." He was a man of business and enterprise. He was engaged in the trade and coasting business of the young colonies, and was possessed of great wealth for those days. By grants of land from the government, and by purchase, he acquired large tracts of land in different settlements. He was Collector of Customs of the Colony, and Deputy to the General Court. He was also Marshal of the Colony, an office corresponding to that of High Sheriff. He acted as Commissioner for the Colony in negotiations with the Indians; was sent in 1646 to negotiate with Sequasson, the sachem of Waranoke; was sent to Long Island, in 1654, with John Griffin, to negotiate with Ninegrate the chief of the Narragansett Indians, during the hostilities between the Narragansetts and the Long Island tribe. In 1646 he was also sent to negotiate with Chickwallop, sachem of Norwootuck, and with Manasanes; in 1657 was messenger to Pacomtuck in the troubles between the Pequots and Podunks; and was one of the troopers sent from Hartford to compel payment from the Farmington Indians of the annual sum due in satisfaction for damages from a fire caused by them. In March 1657-8, with Maj. John Mason and others, he was "in command of the listed persons for Troopers presented to and allowed by the Court." Trumbull's *History of Hartford* also includes his name as a member of Maj. Mason's Hartford Co. troop. The Court confirmed him, 8 Oct. 1668, as Cornet of troop of horse. In 1661 the Court granted him a farm of 300 acres. In 1653 he received a grant "at the common landing place in the little meadow (at Hartford) to set up a ware house" which afterward became a station of considerable traffic, and in which also Mr. Pynchon of Springfield was largely interested. Jonathan Gilbert's daughter, Sarah, married Andrew Belcher, the most opulent merchant of his time in Boston, and their son Jonathan Belcher was Governor of Massa-

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chusetts and New Hampshire, 1730-41; Governor of New Jersey
1747-1757, and a benefactor of Princeton College.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, MARCH 11, 1902.

This is to certify that the following record of

JONATHAN GILBERT

appears in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut, 1636-1665.

Page 139, April 9, 1646.

"Whereas Tho. Steynton, by his long absence is disabled to attend the court according to his place. It is now ordered his salary shall cease, and Jonathan Gylbert is chosen to supply the place for this year, and the court will attend him with reasonable satisfaction."

Page 252, Session of the General Courts, in Hartford, 6 March, 1653. Special warrant granted to Jonathan Guilbert to arrest Thomas Baxter for his several misdemeanors committed; the said Jonathan to have power to raise such considerable forces as he sees meet to execute his warrant.

Page 294, General Court, April 9, 1657, In relation to a horrid murder committed by some Indians at Farmington. Instructions to those who are to go and acquaint the Sachem and chiefs at Norwootuck and Pacumtuck with the horrible bloody act that is lately done at Farmington, and the murderers must be procured by them, also accessories. The persons the Court appoints with all speed, to attend this service are Jonathan Gilbert and John Gilbert, from Hartford, and the Deputies in Windsor.

Session of General Court in Hartford the 11th day of March, 1657-1658, page 309, listed persons for Troopers under command of Major John Mason, In Hartford . . . JONATHAN GILBERT. . .

Page 332, appointed for entry and recording such goods as are subject to custom for Hartford; 1658-1659. . . JONATHAN GILBERT.

Page 343, November 1659, Jonathan Gilbert is appointed to require the payment of that which Farmington Indians are engaged to pay to this Court in October yearly; the first payment being two years now past.

Page 346, Session General Court, April 11, 1660.

"Mr. John Allyn and Jonathan Gilbert appointed to bound out land."

Page 372, Session, August 28, 1661.

"This Court hath granted to Jonathan Gilbert a farm to ye number of 300 acres of upland, and 50 acres of meadow."

Page 382, Session, May 15, 1662.

"This Court grants liberty to ye Marshall, Jonathan Gilbert, to keep an Ordinary at his house at Cold Spring for the relieving of travellers, according to their needs."

Page 430, at a Session at Hartford, May 12, 1664, for Election, the Court made choice of Jonathan Gilbert for Marshall for the year ensuing.

Records 1665-1678.

Jonathan Gilbert Deputy to General Court, May 10, 1677, page 300.

Court of election, Hartford, May 9, 1678, Deputy to General Court Jonathan Gilbert, from Hartford, page 2.

Court of election, October 8, 1668, page 101.

This Court confirms Marshall Jonathan Gilbert Cornett of the troop of Horse.

Jonathan Gilbert, Deputy to General Court, May 12, 1681, from Hartford, page 74.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed)

(SEAL)

WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Asst. Adjt. General.

Jonathan Gilbert's son Thomas was master of Andrew Belcher's ship "Swan," a heavy ship for those days, carrying twelve guns. In King William's War, Capt. Thomas Gilbert captured the French ship "Saint Jacob" in the St. Lawrence, and brought it in as a prize. Subsequently when his ship was disabled, en route to London, he was captured with his ship by the French, and imprisoned in Dinan, France, until exchanged. He was Vice Admiral, commanding the second squadron in the Canadian Expedition under Sir William Phips. See Register of Society Colonial Wars, 1897-1898 (page 470).

Jonathan Gilbert married his first wife, Mary White, 29 January 1645-6. She was the daughter of Elder John White and died about 1650. His second wife, the ancestress of this line, was Mary Welles, fourth child of Hugh Welles, Sr. The Gilbert Genealogy mentioned below says she was niece of Hon. Thomas Welles, Governor of Connecticut, who died 14 January 1660, aged 62. Jonathan Gilbert died 10 December 1682, aged 64. Mrs. Mary (Welles) Gilbert died 3 July 1700, aged 74. They lie side by side in the ancient burial place at Hartford. Jonathan Gilbert had three brothers Thomas, Obadiah, and Josiah. This account is from A Genealogical Memoir of the Gilbert Family in both Old and New England by J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., LL.B., MDCCCL.

The will of Jonathan Gilbert of Hartford was dated 10 September 1674. Inventory filed 12 February 1682 amounted to £2484-17-7, subject to considerable debts. In his will he bequeathes to wife Mary, during widowhood, until son Samuel is of age; to sons Ebenezer, Jonathan and Thomas; to son Nathaniel my farm at Meriden; to daughters Lydia Richardson, Sarah Belcher, Mary Holten, Hester Gilbert when eighteen or at marriage, and daughter Rachel when eighteen; to grandchild John Rosseter when twenty-four; to grandchildren Jonathan Richardson and Andrew Belcher. Brother John Gilbert, Capt. John Allyn, and Sergt. Caleb Stanley to advise wife whom he makes executrix.

The will of Mrs. Mary Gilbert is signed with a mark, a capital "W." A seal is affixed showing a cupid in act of discharging an arrow, standing within two hands clasped. Around it are the letters SYLA MANQUELAMOUER-PEI IPA. This seal has no heraldic significance. The inventory of her estate was £562-13-7, taken 8 July, 1700. Her will is dated 23 May 1700. To son Thomas, land in Hartford; son Samuel, the "Pine field;" son Ebenezer, land bought of Thomas Butler, deceased; grandson Thomas Dickinson, when twenty-one £20. Son-in-law Charles Dickinson. Residue to sons Thomas and Ebenezer, and daughters Lydia Chapman, Rachel Marshfield and the children of daughter Sarah Belcher, deceased, to be accounted as one. One seventh of the one fifth legacy to Lydia Chapman to be paid to the two sons of my late grandson Jonathan Richardson, deceased, when 21, the remainder of said Lydia's share not otherwise disposed of to the heirs of the late Jonathan Dickinson, deceased, to be divided between the children of said Lydia by her first husband Richardson. Mr. Richard Edwards and son Ebenezer Gilbert executors.

Testimony on file names daughter Lydia Chapman; daughter who had been wife of Andrew Belcher; daughter Rachel Marshfield. [Probate records at Hartford.]

Sheldon's History of Deerfield gives 1650 as the date of Jonathan Gilbert's marriage to Mary Welles. Of her father, HUGH

The Allen Family

WELLES, Sr., brief accounts are in the Gilbert Genealogy above mentioned, and in the History of the Welles Families, by Albert Welles, President American College of Ancestry, N. Y., 1876, which set forth that he was one of the founders of Hartford, that he was born in Essex County, England, about 1590, that his brother Richard came in the ship "Globe" in 1635, and that it is probable that Hugh came with him and landed at Salem or Boston. He came to Connecticut in 1636 and settled at Hartford. Soon after he removed to Wethersfield, where he lived the rest of his life and died about 1645. He is called Ensign in the Memorial History of Hartford, and in the Connecticut records was the first mentioned of the name of Welles in Wethersfield. About 1619 he married Frances — who married, second, Thomas Coleman of Hatfield. She died in March 1698.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, APRIL 1, 1902.

This is to certify that the following record appears in relation to
HUGH WELLES.

From Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. II.

Additional settlers to Wethersfield,—Nearly all from places other than Watertown; some directly from England; some came as early as 1635; most between 1636-1640; none later than 1645. In the list above mentioned appears . . . Ensign Hugh Welles, . . .

From the Register of Society Colonial Wars, 1897-1898, among the list of ancestors:

WELLES, HUGH
1590-1645. Wethersfield, Connecticut, Ensign, Militia.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. & Asst. Adjt.-General.

(SEAL)

Among the early descendants of Hugh Welles, Sr., were many of prominence, including Jonathan Welles, the boy hero of the Falls Fight; the latter's son Jonathan, Ensign in Father Rasle's War; Capt. Thomas Wells (2nd), soldier in Falls Fight; Ensign Thomas Wells (3rd), military commander of Deerfield, and representative from Deerfield; Capt. Thomas Wells (4th), dragoon in Pomeroy pursuit 1698, leader of large scout to Canada in 1725, and prominent in settlement of Fall Town; Col. John Wells, Judge Samuel Wells, Col. David Wells, Capt. Agrippa Wells and others. The wife of Ensign Thomas Wells (3rd) was presented at court for wearing silk, probably her wedding finery. She married, second, Daniel Belden, and was captured and killed by the Indians.

SAMUEL GILBERT's² name is found in the North Parish of New London, Conn., in 1688 on a list of subscribers for the ministry of New London, and he was one of those who settled in the Indian fields. He married Mary Rogers, daughter of Samuel and Mary

(Stanton) Rogers. Baker's History of Montville, Conn., says that she was born in New London in April 1667. In 1736 she was of Guilford and Saybrook and a widow. The following is the result of a search by Mr. Eben Putnam:

11 April 1700. Ensign Samuel Gilbert of Hartford, vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells of Hartford, administratrix on her husband's estate, for debt. Withdrawn.

1700-1. Samuel Gilbert of Hartford sues for land bought by his father Jonathan Gilbert of Hartford, deceased. Court Records in Probate Court, Hartford.

In 1698 Samuel Rogers of North Parish New London, now Montville, gave to his loving daughter Mary, wife of Samuel Gilbert of Hartford, two pieces of land there, in all 150 acres; also ten acres near a house of Samuel Gilbert on the aforesaid land. Samuel Gilbert and wife, Mary, and their son Nathaniel sell to John Merritt and Mercy Raymond the farm on which they lived and which was conveyed to said Gilbert by Samuel Rogers, father of his wife. See History of Montville, pages 73, 74, 86.

Samuel Gilbert was of Hartford in 1697, and had a dwelling house there in 1696 (Hartford Town Votes).

The records of the First Church of Hartford show that Samuel Gilbert owned the covenant 19 October 1686.

Samuel Gilbert married, 2 October 1685, Mary daughter of Samuel Rogers of New London (Hartford Town Records).

Samuel Gilbert seems to have lived in Hartford until 1698. Then he settled in New London, and remained there till the winter of 1703, when he returned to Hartford. He probably settled in Colchester, Conn., about 1705. Colchester records give as children of Samuel, Lydia born 4 September 1707, and Mercy born 4 October 1709.

Will of Samuel Rogers, et. 72 and upwards. To daughter Mary Gilbert I have given her portion. Son Samuel Rogers. Daughter Sarah Harris. Son Daniel Rogers. Daughter Elizabeth Harris. Grandchild Elizabeth Stanton, when 18, and her brother Theophilus. Son Jonathan. Wife Joannah. Cousin John, son of brother John Rogers. Dated 12 February 1712-3; probated 8 December 1713. New London Probate Records, Book B, page 51.

Daniel and Jonathan Rogers of New London, James Harris and his wife Sarah of New London and Mary Gilbert of Saybrook, coheirs of Samuel Rogers of New London, sell to John Bolles of New London, all right in lands, etc., belonging to the right of Samuel Rogers in the common lands of New London, south of a line, etc. Dated 15 December 1736. New London Deeds, page 127. This deed establishes the fact that Samuel Gilbert was dead before 1736. Colchester church records which began in 1732, do not mention any Gilbert marriages of this period.

Joseph Prentis and Marcy Guilbert married 2 May 1727. Esther, born 7 May 1728. Ann, born 4 May 1730. Joseph, born 13 Feb. 1733-4. John, born 9 September 1736. Benjamin, born 16 September 1738. Mercy, born 18 October 1740. Stephen, born 1 August 1743. Jonathan, born 1 July 1750 (New London Records).

Thomas Stanton of Connecticut and Descendants, by William A. Stanton Ph.D., D.D., Albany, 1891, Joel Munsell's Sons, calls Samuel Gilbert "Captain," and gives 1684 as the year of his marriage to Mary Rogers, the date of her birth as April 1667 and the date of her death as September 1756.

Samuel Rogers, father of Mrs. Mary (Rogers) Gilbert of New London, Conn., was born in Stratford, Conn., 12 December 1640,

died 1 December 1713, and was buried in the Old Rogers Burying Ground on the farm where he lived and which was afterwards owned by Oliver Baker. He was the son of James and Elizabeth (Rowland) Rogers of Milford and New London, and so was a brother of John Rogers of New London, whose daughter Elizabeth married Capt. Stephen Prentis and became the mother of Capt. Joseph Prentis who married Mercy Gilbert. Capt. Joseph Prentis and Mercy Gilbert were, therefore, second cousins. Samuel Rogers did not, like his brother John, ever become a dissenter from the established Congregational Church; nor did his wife. Upon his marriage, in 1664, his father and his bride's father each pledged two hundred pounds as a marriage portion to the couple. Under this contract he received his father's stone house and bakery at the head of Winthrop's (or Mill) Cove, and there the couple began housekeeping and dwelt for fifteen or twenty years. He then removed to the outlands of the town, near the Mohegan tribe and became the first English settler within the present town of Montville. In 1705 he sold "Pawmechaug," 300 acres, to Col. John Livingston. 1710, May 10, several thousand acres of Mohegan lands were conveyed to him and three others. His share, one fifth, he afterwards sold to Col. Livingston. He was one of a committee of seven on fortifications in King Philip's War. With his brother-in-law, Daniel Stanton, and Alexander Pygan he was joint owner of the ship "Alexander and Martha" built in 1681, and he was one of the patentees of New London, 14 October 1704. This account is from Miss Caulkins' History of New London, which also says:

"The first grants of land within the Mohegan reservation north of New London were made by Uncas in August 1658 to Richard Haughton and James Rogers, and consisted of valuable farms on the river, at places called Massapeag and Pamechaug. These had been the favorite grounds of Uncas and his chiefs, but at this period he had been broken up by the Narragansetts, and was dwelling at Niantic. The deed of Norwich was signed June 6, 1659, and the settlement of that place commencing immediately and affording him protection, Uncas returned to his former abode, and set up his principal wigwam at Pamechaug, near the Rogers grant. The first actual settler on the Indian land was Samuel Rogers, the oldest son of James. The period of his removal cannot be definitely ascertained, but probably it was soon after 1670. He had long been on intimate terms with Uncas, who importuned him to settle in his neighborhood, and bestowed on him a valuable farm upon Saw-mill Brook; promising, in case of any emergency, he would hasten with all his warriors to his assistance. On this tract Rogers built his house of hewn plank, surrounded it with a wall, and mounted a big gun in front. When prepared for the experiment, he fired a signal of alarm, which had been concerted with his tawny friend, in case either should be disturbed by an enemy; and, in half an hour's time, grim bands of warriors were seen on the hills, and soon came rushing down, with the sachem at their head, to the rescue of their

friend. Rogers had prepared a feast for their entertainment, but it is probable that they relished the trick nearly as much as the banquet. It was one of their own jests; they were always delighted with contrivance and stratagem. Rogers became a large landholder in Mohegan. He had deeds of land not only from Uncas, but also from his sons Owaneco and Josiah, in recompense for services rendered to them and their tribe. Gifts of land were also bestowed by these sachems on his son Jonathan, and his daughter Sarah, the wife of James Harris."

"In December of this year(1713)occurs the death of Samuel Rogers in his 73d year. Although this evidently superior man, by his distaste for controversy and public proceedings, as well as by his busy life in developing the new lands of Mohegan, has succeeded in hiding himself largely from the view of future generations; yet when compelled to present himself to such view, he has always been found acting the manly part. Throughout the early period of persecution, he was plainly in sympathy with his father and brothers, and proofs of continued sympathy with the Rogerene cause are evident to the last. He kept quietly but firmly aloof from the church that persecuted his relatives, despite counter-influences in his own family. Besides the enterprises of his pioneer life, he was a ship owner and business man at large. Although possessed of great wealth for his time, he so managed to distribute his property in his lifetime that little more than cattle and movables remained to be disposed of after his death, which personal estate was left to his wife Joanna, the executrix."

This concise statement, not entirely in accord with Miss Caulkins' account quoted above, with respect to his religious proclivities, is taken from a book published since the material relating to the Rogers family was gathered, entitled *The Rogerenes*. This work relates fully all the trials which the devoted followers of James Rogers and his son John endured, and shows by court record and quoted statements from contemporaries how these true Christian men and women were unmercifully persecuted by the church and state for nearly a century. The gross misrepresentations of the acts of the elder Rogers, the founders of this sect, who were affiliated with the Seventh day Baptists, and who maintained the Quaker principle of non-resistance, are effectually refuted, and their noble and unselfish character presented in the most convincing manner. *The Rogerenes* was published by subscription and comprises a Vindication by John R. Bolles, who introduces a lengthy list of distinguished descendants of James Rogers; History of the Rogerenes, in the form of annals; and an Appendix in which are reprinted various Rogerene tracts many of which are of extreme rarity.

Samuel Rogers married, first, 17 November 1662, Mary Stanton. She, the ancestress of this line, was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1643,

and was the daughter of Thomas Stanton of Stonington, Conn., who the Stanton Genealogy (mentioned below) says died 2 December 1677, and that his will was probated in June 1678. Her mother's maiden name was Anna Lord and she was born in England in 1621, married about 1637, and died in 1688, after having lived several years in the family of her son-in-law, Rev. James Noyes.

Anna (Lord) Stanton was the daughter of Thomas Lord of Hartford, Conn., who embarked at London, 19 April 1635, in the "Elizabeth and Ann" aged 50, with wife Dorothy and children. He was an original proprietor at Hartford. His wife, Dorothy, married about 1610, died in 1676, aged 87, and her will, executed 8 February 1669, is sealed with a coat of arms as shown on page 248 of Trumbull's History of Hartford.

Hinman's Early Settlers says that this ancestor was John Lord. Savage says that Thomas Lord's eldest son Richard came in 1632, perhaps sent by his father, "to look out the most desirable places for his friends Governor Haynes and Rev. Thomas Hooker;" and that Richard was the Captain of the first troop in the Colony, and "was the Captain relied on in conjunction with John Pyncheon for securing the persons of the regicides Goff and Whalley, that they might be brought to justice in England as Sir Thomas Temple wrote to Secr. Morrice," and that "his loyalty in this went beyond his judgment." He died suddenly in New London, while there on business, was buried in the old burying ground there, and his tombstone of red sandstone, probably the oldest inscribed tombstone east of the Connecticut river, bears the following:

"An Epitaph on Captaine Richard Lord, deceased
May 17, 1662 Aetatis svæ 51

The bright starre of our Cavallrie lyes here
Vnto the state a Counselour full deare
And to ye truth a friend of sweet content
To Hartford Towne a silver ornament
Who can deny to poore he was reliefe
And in composing paroxysms was chiefe
To Marchantes as a pattern he might stand
Adventuring dangers new by sea and land."

Amy Lord, another daughter of Thomas, married Jonathan Gilbert's brother John.

The Stanton Genealogy, by William A. Stanton, says that the coat of arms with which Mrs. Dorothy Lord sealed her will were the arms of the "Lord alias Laward" family, and are thus described: *Argent on a fess gules between three cinquefoils azure, a hind passant between two pheons or.*

Salisbury's Family Histories and Genealogies say that Thomas Lord first settled at Newtown (afterwards Cambridge, Mass.), came to Hartford with Revs. Thomas Hooker and Samuel Stone, and was a merchant and mill owner; that the date of his death is not known; that Porter says he died early; that Mrs. Dorothy Lord's will included articles that indicated a handsome style of living for those days; that she was a woman of some note; and that her

social position may be inferred from that of her friends mentioned in her will, including Mrs. Haynes, probably wife of Governor Haynes, and the Hon. Lieut.-Col. John Allyn, overseer of her will. Savage says that the appellation of "smith" by which Thomas Lord was entered in the "Elizabeth and Ann" was a godly deception to facilitate his quitting the mother country.

The Thomas Lord who was a physician in Hartford from 1652 appears to have been his son, Thomas Lord, Jr.

In Hartford, Conn., the site now occupied by Jewell's Leather Belting Co., and covered with their large factory buildings on Ford Street, was, in 1639, the location of the first home of Thomas and Ann (Lord) Stanton.

Thomas Stanton served in the Pequot War and rendered valuable service at Saybrook Fort. Trumbull's History of Hartford, Conn., says that he was an original proprietor at Hartford, that he was County Marshal in 1638, a merchant, made trading voyages to Virginia, was appointed Commissioner at Mystic and Pawkatuck 13 October 1664, removed to Stonington perhaps in 1658, and was Deputy to the General Court from Stonington in 1666. Of him Miss Caulkins' History of New London says "The services of Mr. Stanton as interpreter during the Pequot War were invaluable. He was, moreover, a man of trust and intelligence and his knowledge of the country and of the natives made him a useful pioneer and counselor in all land questions, as well as in all difficulties with the Indians. In 1638 the General Court of Connecticut appointed him a stated Indian interpreter, with a salary of £10 per annum. He was to attend courts upon all occasions, general and particular courts, and meetings of magistrates, wherever and whenever the controversy was between whites and Indians." From Miss Caulkins' History of New London it also appears that he was the Thomas Stanton who, in 1635, at the age of 20, sailed in the "Bonadventure" from England to Virginia, whence "he must have soon made his way to New England and become an adept in the Indian language," as "he testified himself, before the Court of Commissioners of New England, that he had acted as interpreter to Winthrop before the Pequot War, and while the latter was in command at Saybrook. It is probable, that on landing in Virginia, he immediately went among the Indians, and gained some knowledge of their language, which was radically the same as that of the New England tribes; and, having, perhaps, obtained a quantity of peltries, he came north with them, and made his first stop at Saybrook. That Stanton subsequently visited the Indians in Virginia, for the purpose of trade, may be gathered from a curious fragment in the New London county records, which is without date, but appears to have been entered in 1668 or 1669:

"Whereas Capt. Wm. Morrice hath reported and informed the King's Commissioner that Mr. Thomas Stanton, Sr., did, in Virginia, some 20 odd years since, cause a massacre among the Indians, whereby to gain their Beaver to himself, and the said Morrice accused Richard Arye, mariner, to be his author: These may certify all whom it may concern that the said Arye being examined concerning [a word or two torn off] report, doth absolutely deny that he knew or reported any such thing [torn off] Morrice nor ever heard of any such thing [torn off] Mr. Stanton in Virginia to his remembrance. This was acknowledged in court by Richard Arye, as attest Daniel Wetherell, Recorder."

"On the Pawkatuck River the first white inhabitant was Thomas Stanton. His trading establishment was probably coeval with the farming operations of Chesebrough, but as a fixed resident, with a fireside and family, he was later on the ground. He himself appears to have been always on the wing, yet always within call. As interpreter to the colony, wherever a court, a conference or a treaty was to be held, or a sale made, in which the Indians were a party, he was required to be present. Never, perhaps, did the acquisition of a barbarous language give to a man such immediate widespread and lasting importance. From the year 1636, when he was Winthrop's interpreter with the Nahantick sachem, to 1670, when Uncas visited him with a train of warriors and captains to get him to write his will, his name is connected with almost every Indian transaction on record. In February 1649-50, the General Court gave permission to Stanton to erect a trading house at Pawkatuck and to have 'six acres of planting ground and liberty to feed and mowing according to his present occasions;' adding to the grants a monopoly of the Indian trade for three years. These privileges probably induced him to bring his family to Pequot, where he established himself in 1651, and continued to reside, taking part in the various business of the town, until he sold out to George Tongue in 1656. His first town grant at Pawkatuck was in March 1652 — three hundred acres in quantity, laid out in a square upon the river, next to his grant from the Court. The whole of Pawkatuck Neck and the Hommocks (*i. e.* small islands) that lay near to it were subsequently given him." In 1651 "Major Mason and Thomas Stanton were commissioned by the General Court to make a rigid inquest whether any of those 'murderers of the English before the Pequett warres' could be found, that they might 'be brought to condign punishment.'"

In 1654 he was chosen with two others "to

make a list of the state of the towne and the inhabitants and to make the Country rate of Twenty pounds." With Major Mason and Lieutenant Pratt he occupied the bench in the first county court in New London county, which assembled in New London, 20 September 1666. At the outbreak of King Philip's War in June 1675 it was by Mr. Stanton that a messenger was despatched to carry the tidings to the governor. His final resting place is believed by Miss Caulkins to have been on the banks of Wicketequack Creek near the stones bearing the names of his sons Robert and Thomas. His son John was educated for an Indian teacher, but devoted himself to other pursuits, turning his education to good account and becoming a useful man.

In 1891 Joel Munsell & Sons of Albany, N.Y., published *A Record, Genealogical, Biographical, and Statistical of Thomas Stanton of Connecticut and his Descendants*, by William A. Stanton, Ph.D., D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., which states that efforts to trace Thomas Stanton's English ancestry have thus far been unsuccessful, but mentions a tradition among his descendants: that he was born in Wales as per a family Bible of the fifth and sixth generations from Thomas. Another tradition, as per genealogical records left by John Stanton,⁸ was that Thomas Stanton of Stonington, Conn., and Robert Stanton of Newport, R. I. (the ancestor of Edwin M. Stanton Secretary of War) were brothers, and came from Lancashire, England. While the author of the Stanton genealogy does not think that Thomas Stanton was of Welsh ancestry, because "Stanton" is a Saxon name; yet he thinks these traditions do not necessarily conflict, for Thomas might have been born in Wales, and then have moved to Lancashire, and thence come to America.

The ancestry of Thomas Stanton of New London has not yet been discovered. An important family of this name were seated in Warwickshire. Katherine Washington, daughter of Walter Washington of Radway, married 30 July 1616, Thomas Stanton⁸ whose line was Thomas,¹ John,² Thomas,³ John,⁴ Thomas,⁵ Thomas.⁶ This family of Stantons came to Wolverton from Longbridge, near the city of Warwick, in 1576, and became extinct in the male line in the first half of the 18th century, and the estate reverted to John Staunton,¹⁰ of Longbridge who was born in 1704 and died in 1748.

On page 420* Vol. 43, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for the year 1889, is a pedigree of the Washington family, which shows Mrs. Katherine (Washington) Stanton's line of descent to have been as follows:

1. John Washington of Whitfield, Co. Lancaster, England.

*Gleanings from English Records by Henry F. Waters.

2. Robert Washington of Warton, Co. Lancaster, and 1st wife, daughter of — Westfield,
3. John Washington of Warton and Margaret Kitson.
4. Lawrence Washington of Northampton and Gray's Inn, Mayor of Northampton, Grantee of Sulgrave, and Anne (or Amy), daughter of Robert Pargeter of Gretworth.
5. Robert Washington of Sulgrave and Elizabeth Light.
6. Walter Washington of Radway, Warr., and Alice, daughter of John Morden.
7. Katherine Washington, married Thomas Stanton, Esq., of Woolverton, Co. Warwick and had Thomas Stanton, aet. 3 in 1619.

The same chart shows the line of Gen. George Washington, first President of the United States, to have been Robert of Sulgrave,⁶ Lawrence,⁸ Lawrence,⁷ John,⁸ Lawrence,⁹ Augustine,¹⁰ Gen. George Washington.¹¹

Walter Washington's wife, Alice Morden, married, 2nd, John Woodward of Stratford upon Avon, and in her will 20 August 1642, proved 22 May 1647, she made bequests to her grandchildren, including her grandchild Thomas Stanton (N. E. Hist. & Genl. Reg. 1889, Vol. 43, p. 412). The Visitation of the County of Warwick in 1619 contains a pedigree of said Thomas Stanton.

Investigations in England in 1903, through the agency of Mr. Eben Putnam, have elicited the following:

The Visitation of 1619 describes Thomas Stanton of Wolverton as aged 24 in 1619, and having a son and heir, Thomas aet. three years, and a daughter, Alice, aet. six years. On 15 August 1638, John Lane of Stratford made a will, proved in December of that year, in which he makes a bequest to his cousin Alice Staunton, daughter of "Thomas Staunton, gentleman, deceased." He calls himself son of Nicholas Lane, names his mother Katherine, and his uncle George Nashe of London, and Edward Nashe. (P.C.C., Lee 182; an abstract is printed in Waters' Gleanings, Vol. 1, p. 620.) Alice Woodward of Stratford, widow of John Woodward, gentleman, made her will 20 August 1642, proved in 1647. She bequeathes to her grandchildren Thomas, Walter and Alice Staunton, and among other legatees names her friend Edward Nashe. (P.C.C., Fines 112, abstract in Waters Gleanings, Vol. 1, p. 387.) In a list of Recusants contributing to the subsidy of 16 Charles I, 1640-41, for the Hundred of Barlichway, Warwickshire, appear the following:

Wrexall. Maior Stanton, in terris xxx sh xii.

Norton Linsey. Thomas Stanton, in terris xx sh viii.

Wolverton. Thomas Stanton, gent., in terris xi sh xvi

(Public Rec. Office, Lay Sub. 444)

The pedigree of 1619 names two Maior Stantons,—one, son of Richard of Roxsall (Wrexall) and another his cousin aged eight years in 1619, and younger brother of Thomas of Wolverton who married Katherine Washington.

The Stanton Genealogy by Rev. William A. Stanton, previously mentioned, has much of interest regarding the Stanton or Staunton family in England, including its historic origin, its arms, and the derivation of the name from two Anglo-Saxon words *stan* meaning stone, and *ton*, meaning town. In the Public Records of the colony of Connecticut from 1637–1677 the name of Thomas Stanton is found over 60 times, and in records of the same court has been found spelled in three different ways, — Stanton, Staunton, Steynton. Regarding Thomas Stanton's public service the Stanton Genealogy goes more into detail than Caulkins' New London; and, in addition to Miss Caulkins' account, says that 4 July 1636, he, with Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Hugh Peters, bore instructions concerning the Pequots from Boston to Winthrop at Fort Saybrook, Conn. (going overland); that DeForest's History of the Indians of Connecticut mentions a second visit to Fort Saybrook: "Sometime in April (1637) a small vessel arrived at the fort having on board Thomas Stanton, a man well acquainted with the Indian language, and long useful to the colonial authorities as an interpreter"; that Mr. Stanton served through the Pequot War, and that special mention is made of his bravery in the Battle of Fairfield Swamp, where he well nigh lost his life. During the following seventeen months occurred his marriage and settlement in Hartford. It was at the session of 6 February 1649 that the General Court granted him permission to erect a trading house at Pawkatuck. Upon building and occupying this trading house he did not immediately move his family there, but brought them first to Pequot, probably in 1651, and to his permanent residence in Stonington in 1658. In 1638, he, with others, was sent on a mission to the Warranocke Indians, and was a delegate to an English and Indian Council meeting at Hartford, at which were present Roger Williams of Rhode Island, Uncas of the Mohegans, and Miantonomo of the Narragansetts, and he was given authority to represent Hartford in all trade for beavers. In the same year he went to New Haven to act as interpreter for the Yorkshire colonists there. In 1650 he was appointed by the General Court to assist Elders of the Churches in missionary work among neighboring Indians. May 15, 1651, the General Court of Connecticut elected him its Deputy Magistrate. In 1656, the Commissioners of the United Colonies advised the preparation of a catechism in the Narragansett

or Pequot language, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Pierson of New Haven, and Thomas Stanton to do the work, the execution of which, however, was prevented by Mr. Pierson's removal. Thomas Stanton's removal to Wequetequock Cove, two and a half miles east of Stonington, was in 1658. This was then in the territory of the Massachusetts Plantation, then Southington, Suffolk Co., Mass., now Stonington, New London Co., Conn. The General Court ordered it managed by Capt. George Dennison, Robert Park, William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, and Walter Palmer. Here Thomas Stanton became a permanent resident and his farm lay on the east side of the Pawkatuck River near its mouth. He also owned another farm at Quanacontaug, where Major Tallcott had his headquarters in 1676. Quanacontaug was a neck of land five miles east of Pawkatuck River. In 1659, Chief Cassawashitt deeded to him the whole of Pawkatuck Neck, and the small islands that lay near to it, known as "The Hommocks." This deed or grant was confirmed by the Court in 1671. In September 1660, he, with Capt. George Dennison and Thomas Mynor, were sent to Ninigret and the Narragansett sachem to require reparation for injuries done to the English and punishment of offenders. In 1664, he was appointed to apportion 8000 acres of land to the Pawkatucks. In 1666, he was re-elected Commissioner or County Judge; and for twelve years, until his death in 1677, he was annually re-elected to that office. In the same year he was appointed Overseer General of the Coassatuck Indians. In that year also a Commission of Appeals on Indian Affairs was created, and he was made a member thereof. In 1666, he was elected a member of the General Assembly of Connecticut and was continuously re-elected thereto until 1674. For his services to the Colony the Court granted him in October 1667, 250 acres of land on Pachaug River, in what became the town of Preston. As Indian Commissioner he was called upon that year to settle some difficulties that were threatening trouble between Uncas, chief of the Mohegans, and the Niantic tribe. The following year he was reappointed Commissioner of Indian affairs. In April 1676, though too old to engage in active service he acted with Major Winthrop and Hon. Samuel Willvs as a commission to negotiate peace, if possible, between the English and the Indians, and in May of that year he was granted £20 for his good services and expense in securing the fidelity of Chief Ninigret to the English, and as partial recompense for damages of war to his estate. His name was first on the roll of the First Congregational Church of Stonington, which he was instrumental in organizing 3 June 1674. All this is from the Stanton Genealogy, which also states that all of Thomas Stanton's sons acquired their father's ability to speak the Indian dialects, and were in

much demand as interpreters. His son John was commissioned Captain of one of the four Connecticut regiments in King Philip's War; served with distinction in that war, and was in command at the time of the capture of Canonchet, the chief sachem of the Narragansetts. Thomas Stanton's sons Robert and Joseph were soldiers in King Philip's War, and Robert was the first to overtake Canonchet in the pursuit when captured. Thomas Stanton's daughter, Sarah, married Thomas Prentice, Jr., and was ancestress of George Denison Prentice of the Louisville Journal, and Prentice Mellen, Chief Justice Supreme Court of Maine 1826. Thomas Stanton's daughter Dorothy married Rev. James Noyes, one of the founders of Yale College, and pastor at Stonington, Conn., and among their descendants were Rev. Joseph Noyes of New Haven, Rev. John Noyes, Rev. James Noyes, and Prof. Benjamin Silliman of Yale. Thomas Stanton's son Joseph was ancestor of Henry Brewster Stanton whose wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, MARCH 12, 1902.

This is to certify that the following appears in Colonial Records, State of Connecticut 1636-1665, in relation to

THOMAS STANTON.

General Index Records:

Stanton, Thomas, sent to Warranoke, page 17; appointed interpreter, page 19; allowed to make a voyage to L. I., page 72; quarrelled with Richard Lord, page 94; controversy with Matthew Allyn, page 123; restored, page 175; liberty to erect trading house at Pawcatuck, page 204; sent to Narragansett, page 227; proceedings against, page 303; fined, page 306; commissioner at Mystic and Pawcatuck, page 435.

Thomas Stanton, Records 1665-1678, appointed Commissioner, May 11, 1665, page 17.

Thomas Stanton, Deputy to General Court, May 10, 1666, page 31; at a session of General Assembly, May 11, 1661, page 155; confirmed to Thomas Stanton, grant of a neck of land, made to him by Cassawashitt in 1659.

Meeting of Council, September 30, 1675, page 371. The Council having received a letter from Mr. Stanton in Ninicraft's behalf, to desire the return of their hostages, one of them having fled, the other was granted liberty to return.

Page 458, Mr. Thomas Stanton received farm at Quanataug, a neck of land about five miles east of Pawcatuck river.

Council, August 31, 1676, page 479, upon the desire of Manahon, the Council do grant him one of those guns that was delivered to him by our Indian enemies, last winter, which Mr. Stanton took from him into his possession, and said Mr. Stanton, hereby is ordered to deliver said gun to him.

Page 576—Law for Indians to be observed. Mr. Thomas Stanton, Sen. and Leiftenant James Avery were appointed and desired to give their advice in help in all cases of difficulty for the well management of their arms and affairs.

General Assembly, October 10, 1667, page 77, granted 250 acres of land for a farm to Thomas Stanton, whereof there may be 30 acres of meadow if it may be found.

Court of election, May 14, 1668, Court appointed Mr. John Allyn, and Mr. Thomas Stanton to go to Rhode Island and treat with the gentlemen there, according to such instructions as shall by order of the Court be given them.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

(Signed) Wm. E. F. LANDERS.
Col. & Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

(SEAL)

DOCTOR JONATHAN PRENTIS * (son of Capt. Joseph and Mercy (Gilbert) Prentis), born 12 July 1750, was a physician. He removed from New London to St. Albans, Vermont, and died in St. Albans, 3 April 1833. He is described in Binney's Prentis Genealogy as thick-set, square, remarkably spry and powerful. When seventy six years old he could outjump the most active young men of Milton, Vt. His descendants are noted for spryness. He was quick tempered and persistent. In the Revolutionary War three of his brothers were soldiers in the American army, of whom Benjamin was killed on the plains of Saratoga or the taking of Burgoyne, John was wounded in the Battle of Groton Heights, and Stephen was made Corporal, 11 July 1775, Sergeant, 1 September 1775, and died in the service 22 November 1775. This date of his death (22 November 1775) is given in the roll of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, published by the State. Binney's statement is that he was killed at Bunker Hill. Mrs. Harley of Defiance, Ohio, daughter of William C. Holgate, remembers hearing her father say that Dr. Jonathan Prentis had been a surgeon on a warship in the Revolutionary War.

J. G. Prentis of La Crosse, Wis., called Dr. Jonathan Prentis, Dr. "Jothan" Prentis.

Dr. Jonathan Prentis married in New London, Conn., 8 April 1772,

Margaret Daniels who was born 17 April 1756 and was the daughter of James and Grace (Edgecomb) Daniels of Groton, Conn. She died 2 December 1824. She was described in Binney's Prentiss Genealogy as a "shortish, plump, smart, neat, very industrious, very worthy, and genial person of lively, pleasant wit and always feeling well." Mr. Eben Putnam's researches show that John Edgecomb of New London, Conn., was son of Nicholas Edgecomb mentioned in the Heraldic Visitation of 1620.

The line of Grace Edgecomb is as follows: Nicholas,¹ John,² John,³ Grace⁴.

NICHOLAS EDGECOMB¹ of Plymouth, Old England. Caulkins' History of New London says that the name of Edgecomb is connected with the early history of Maine, and that Nicholas Edgecomb was actively engaged in establishing a settlement on Casco Bay, and visited it in 1658, and that he is supposed to have been a near relative to Sir Richard Edgecomb of Mount Edgcumb, Devonshire, England, who had an extensive grant of land from Sir Ferdinando Gorges in 1637 on Casco Bay and the Saco River, and that Robert Edgecomb, another supposed son of Nicholas, settled in Saco and left descendants there (see Folsom's History of Saco and Biddeford, p. 112). Ridlon's History of Saco Valley, Maine, Settlements and Families has much about the Edgecombs, including account of a Nicholas Edgecomb who came to Blue Point, Scarborough, Me., as early as 1639, took oath of submission to Massachusetts Bay Colony, 13 July 1658, and removed to Saco in 1660. Ridlon also says that he was descended from a junior branch of the ancient and distinguished family of Edgecombs in Devonshire, England, and that from Richard Edgcumb, who was lord of Edgcumb in 1292, are descended all of this name in England and America. Binney's Prentiss Genealogy states that Mrs. Grace (Edgecombe) Daniels was a granddaughter of Lord Edgcumb of Plymouth, whose seat was "Mt. Edgecombe," and of Scotch descent. It was immediately after a visit to Mt. Edgcumb upon an invitation to spend the holidays there, that the death occurred in London of Capt. John Prentiss, 3rd, whose sister, Elizabeth, had also married into the Edgecombe family. These indications of a relationship with the prominent family of Edgecombes in England led to the searches there of which the results are shown herein.

According to the Maine Historical Society Collections, Vol. III, page 25: "Nicholas Edgecomb of Scarborough was a member of the younger branch of the noble family of Edgecomb of Mount Edgcumb, England. Sir Richard Edgecomb received a grant from Gorges in 1637 of 8000 acres of land, which was for a long time after his death a subject of controversy. A descendant of Nicholas Edgecomb, probably his grandson, acted as agent for Lord Edge-

comb of Mount Edgecomb at the time when the claim of Sir Richard's heirs was first entered in the Massachusetts Book of Claims. Mr. Edgecomb's plantation at Blue Point consisted of fifty acres which he rented of Capt. Richard Bonython. He was a man of good sense and fair abilities, but had not enjoyed, or at least had not improved the common advantages of education. His failing in this respect accounts in a good degree for the small part he shared in the early government of the Province. His sons were Robert, John, and probably Michael and Christopher."

The following sketch of Nicholas Edgecomb of Plymouth, Old England, and his ancestry, by Mr. Eben Putnam, is based upon researches made under his direction among original archives and MSS. collections in England, and from printed sources and original records in New England:

NICHOLAS AND JOHN EDGECOMBE OF PLYMOUTH, OLD ENGLAND, AND NEW LONDON RESPECTIVELY: THEIR ANCESTORS: WITH NOTES ON THE EDGECOMBE GRANT, THE EDGCUMBES OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE, AND THE EDGCUMBES OF CASCO BAY, MAINE, BY EBEN PUTNAM.

Nicholas Edgecombe "of Plymouth in Old England" in 1674, is described in the Visitation of Devonshire of 1620 as then aged eight years and the "sone and heyr" of "Pet. Edgcomb of Plimouth 2 sone liueing 1620." This pedigree is signed by Thomas Edgcumbe and John Edgcumbe both of Tavistock, brother of Peter, the father of Nicholas. It is Harl. MSS. 1163 in the British Museum.

The register of St. Andrews, Plymouth, contains the following entries:

1611, Sept. 2, Peter Edgcombe and Elizabeth Colwill married.
1612, June 21, Nicholas son of Peter Edgcombe baptized.
1619, Nov. 30, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Edgcombe baptized.
1668, Oct. 8, Nicholas Edgecombe and Elizabeth Tyack married.
1677, July 3, Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Edgecombe buried.
1679, July 8, Nicholas Edgecombe and Mary Holditch married.

These items are all which have been gleaned which appear to throw light upon the life of Nicholas Edgecombe until many years after the Civil Wars, during which Plymouth was in an almost constant state of siege or blockade and repelled several assaults. Plymouth has the distinction, not shared by any borough in the west of England, of not changing its politics after the original declaration in favor of Parliament. It was a stronghold of Puritanism and the first borough to declare for William of Orange.

The Mount Edgcumbe family was loyal to the King, so also were Matthew Edgcumbe and his son Richard of Tavistock.

That Nicholas Edgecombe was a royalist is probable. In 1684, Charles II called upon the borough of Plymouth to surrender its charter, but in June granted a new charter in which the corporation was named and presumably were stanch King's men. Nicholas Edgecombe was nominated as one of the first Common Council, Sir Richard Edgcumb as one of the burgesses. (Hist. MSS. Com., App. 9th Report, page 28.)

The Edgecombes had long been associated with Plymouth. In 1452 a William Edgecombe was sworn to the Common Council (Hist. MSS. Com., 9th Report, p. 266; Worth's History of Plymouth, p. 71). In 1541, a William Edgecombe of Plymouth is mentioned. In 1552, Richard Edgecombe was M. P. for the borough. Abraham Edgecombe was constable in 1659.

Nicholas Edgecombe was chosen Alderman in 1694, but in the new charter granted by William, the year following, his name is not mentioned, either among the Aldermen, Council or Burgesses.

Then as now, brewing was a trade held in good repute in England, and in his will Nicholas describes himself as a brewer.

NICHOLAS EDGECOMBE of Plymouth, Devonshire; will dated 28 March 1702, proved 9 May, 1702. To kinsmen Thomas Edgcombe of Plymouth, woolen draper, and Jonathan Dipford of Plymouth, merchant, all his goods etc., in trust to pay his funeral charges and a debt due to Mr. John Symkin of Plymouth for which my kinsman Thomas Dipford the elder is bound. The residue, if any, to my daughter, Grace, wife of David Williams, clerke. Executors; the said Thomas Edgcombe, Jonathan Dipford and Bartholomew Avent. P. C. C., Hern 75.

It was quite natural that he should leave his small estate to his probably only surviving daughter, with whom he may have lived, for his son John was in New England and his daughter Elizabeth had died in 1669.

According to the Visitation of 1620, Thomas Edgcombe, brother of Peter, had four sons, the eldest born in 1612. The third son, Thomas, was living in 1644 but died soon, as the nuncupative will of his son John, a Plymouth merchant, was administered upon by his mother Ann, 13 February 1645. This son bequeathed his debts and adventures abroad to Peter Edgcombe his brother. P. C. C., Twisse 12. It is probable that he was that John Edgcombe of Piscataqua in 1640, but of whom no further trace can be found in New England.

The earliest known ancestor of this ancient and reputable family is John de Edgcombe,¹ probably born about 1250, named in a deed of 1334, the source of information for the first three generations of the pedigree, who was the father of that Richard Edgcombe,² said to have built Edgcombe house in 1292. Over an ancient gateway may still be read "R. E. 1292" (Ridlon: Saco Valley Settlements).

Of the sons of Richard², Reginald³ was a priest, James,⁴ the eldest son, may have died without issue, as the second son, Richard,⁵ succeeded his father at Edgcombe in 1319. This Richard⁵ was father of William,⁶ the ancestor of the Mount Edgcombe family, who died in 1380, and John,⁷ his heir. John⁷ was succeeded by his son John⁸ in 1404, who was a party to a deed of 4th Henry VI, 1425. This John⁸ had Richard⁹ of Edgcombe in 1465, who was succeeded by his second son John,¹⁰ who in turn had sons John,¹¹ of whom below, Richard¹² of Buckland, second son, and also an ancestor of Nicholas Edgcombe, — the latter's mother being daughter of his son Richard, — Roger¹³ of Meavy, third son, Thomas¹⁴ of Milton Abbot, fourth son, and Robert¹⁵ of St. Erny, fifth son.

In early writings the name is variously spelled. In an interesting deed of 1525 from John Wise to Sir Peter (Piers) Edgcombe the grantee is described as Eggecombe. His son Sir Richard in a deed to the said Wise also calls himself Eggecombe. (Western Antiquary, Vol. VI, p. 143.)

The Visitation pedigree of 1620 commences with John Edgcombe,⁸ of Edgcombetown, parish of Milton, the same whom Vivian styles of Oxford in 1504. He had, besides Richard his son and heir (from whom descended Richard Edgcombe of Edgcombetown in 1620), John of Lamberton and Perse,⁹ who dwelt at Tavistock. This Perse⁹ had William and Peter, younger sons, and John¹⁰ his heir, who was of Tavistock and married Joan Trelawny. They had John,¹¹ who died in Ireland, and Peter,¹² the eldest son and heir. He, Peter,¹² married Agnes, daughter of Richard Edgcombe of Tavistock, and had Elizabeth, wife of George Gaye of Barnstable, Agnes, wife of John Pointer of Kedley, Joane, unmarried in 1620, Thomas, eldest son in 1620, who was of Plymouth in 1644-5 when his will was proved, John, third son living in Tavistock in 1620, — his will was proved 31 January 1660-1 — and Peter Edgcombe,¹³ second son, who was of Plymouth in 1620. This Peter¹³ married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Collwell of Plymouth, and had Nicholas,¹⁴ "sone and heyr aet. 8: 1620", Francis, second son, and Elizabeth.

In the printed Visitation the name of Nicholas is printed Peter, an error of the copyist and corrected by reference to the original MS. in the British Museum, Harl. MSS. 1163, fo. 106b.

The arms confirmed to Edgecombe of Tavistock by the Heralds were *Gules, on a bend ermine, between two cottices or, three boar's heads coupé argent. A crescent for cadency* (Heralds College records).

Many details regarding these families will be found in Vivian's Visitations of Devonshire, a work based on the heraldic visitations but augmented by the author's researches among parish registers and courts of probate. Vivian also states that in completing his pedigree of the Edgecombes he had the use of a MS. in possession of the Edgecombe family. The Visitation of 1620 is printed in the Harleian Society Publications, where occurs the error noted above.



Col. Vivian in the pedigree of Edgecombe of Tavistock has made two errors. He had the Visitation of 1620 to build on. He states that Peter Edgecombe the father of Nicholas was buried in 1628 at St. Botolphs Bishopsgate Without. No such record is found on the register, but Perse Edgecombe was buried that year at St. Botolphs Aldersgate, and his tomb there bears date 1628. This Perse was the brother of Sir Richard of Mt. Edgcumbe. The other error is vital and is noted below. The parish register of St. Andrews, Plymouth, contains the marriage record of Nicholas Edgecombe and Elizabeth daughter of Christopher Tyack of St. Broeck 6 October 1668, and her burial 3 July 1677. Sir Christopher in his will of 1691 names Nicholas Edgecombe. This record undoubtedly refers to the second marriage of Nicholas or possibly to the marriage of a son who died without issue.

No other Nicholas Edgecombe appears on the parish registers of that vicinity as married at an earlier date, but contemporary with him of Plymouth was Nicholas Edgecombe of Ermington married at that place to Joan Beare, 25 January 1633-4. Ermington is a parish about ten miles east of Plymouth and the home of a branch of the Edgecombe family of local consequence. The registers of the parish have been carefully examined, and although difficult in the extreme, all facts pertaining to this branch of the family have been obtained.

Joan the wife of Nicholas Edgecombe was buried at Ermington 5 June 1670. Nicholas Edgecombe was buried 6 June 1678.

Vivian asserts that John Edgecombe of Plymouth, cooper, whose will was proved in 1711 was son of Nicholas Edgecombe. Although giving his burial from Charles parish register 20 July 1711, he does not seem to have found his baptism or other data to prove his assertion. It is doubtful if he had seen the will following:

John Edgecombe of Plymouth, cooper, will dated 19 May, 1711, proved 30 August, 1711 by Catherine Gennys, wife of John Gennys, etc. . . To the poor of Landulph, co. Cornwall 40 sh. To brother in law Richard Sowdon and his brother John Sowdon. Sister Temperance wife of said Richard Sowdon. Grandson John Hawkins my tenement in Landulph. Granddaughter Mary Hawkins £100. Grandson John Gennys, granddaughter Elizabeth Gennys, each £25. Sister Thomasine, wife of Walter Raine of Landulph, yeoman, £20, and to her daughter Elizabeth, £3. Her daughter Katherine, £3. Late servant Elizabeth Cundy. Brother-in-law William Gennys, of Plymouth, mariner, and my sons-in-law John Hawkins of Quethiocke, co. Cornwall, gent., John Gennys of Plymouth, merchant, a messuage wherein William Spureing lately lived situate in Plymouth, to the use of my daughter Katherine Gennys. Messuage where I now dwell, and the cellars and key belonging situate at Foxhole Key in Plymouth, to my said trustees for the benefit of my son William Edgecombe in case he return to England, and be reformed and live a sober life, I give him £100. Residue to said daughter Katherine Gennys who sole executrix. P. C. C., Young 165.

The inference drawn from this will cannot be other than that John Edgecombe was one of the Cornish Edgecombes, and that in all probabilities his birthplace was Landulph, that he was at least seventy five years of age and could by no means be the son of Nicholas Edgecombe of Plymouth, especially by the marriage with Elizabeth Tyack. It is also noteworthy that he fails to name any relatives by the name except his son, nor do any of the legatees in this will appear by any of the numerous wills or otherwise to be connected with any of the Devonshire branches.

In the face of the definite statement by John Edgecombe of New London that he was the son of Nicholas Edgecombe of Plymouth and as most careful research has failed to develop any other Nicholas Edgecombe of Plymouth than the one who appears in the Visitation, with the exception of a Nicholas, son of a John Edgecombe who was buried 24 May 1693, — the year prior to the election of the elder Nicholas as Alderman, — Col. Vivian's assertion, hitherto unchallenged, must be acknowledged to be incorrect.

The Lay Subsidies for Devonshire for the period covering the birth of Nicholas Edgecombe and his youth are unusually complete. From these valuable contemporary records of persons taxed for land and goods we are able to obtain a very fair idea of the families of Edgecombe living in Devonshire in his time.

The Subsidy for 1609-10 for the Hundreds of Lifton, Plimpton, Ermington, Roborough, and Tavistock, P. R. O. 101-452, supplies the following information as to individuals:

John Edgecombe of Kelley, for goods.
John Edgecombe of Ravelstock, for lands.
Margaret Edgecombe, widow, of Ugborough, for lands.
Oliver Edgecombe of do, goods.
William Edgecombe of Ermington, lands.
Robert Edgecombe of do, goods.
Thomas Edgecombe of do, goods.
John Edgecombe of Harford, lands.
John Edgecombe of Buckland Monachorum, lands.
Christopher Edgecombe of do, lands.
William Edgecombe of do, goods.

Mathew Edgecombe of Tavistock, lands.
Agnes Edgecombe, widow of do, goods.
Richard Edgecombe (?jr.), of do, goods.
Thomas Edgecombe of do, goods.

The Subsidy for 1625, P. R. O. 102-463 m. 78, for Plymouth does not present the name of Edgecombe. The Ermington family, the only case of a Nicholas Edgecombe contemporary with him of Plymouth has already been alluded to.

Tavistock, the home of the Edgecombe family until the settlement of representatives in Plymouth, is an ancient parliamentary borough on the Tavy, fifteen miles from Plymouth and thirty three miles from Exeter. It was one of the Stannary towns and was early the seat of woollen manufacture. The Abbey was formerly of importance. Adjoining Tavistock, and six miles between the villages, is Milton Abbot. In this parish is the hamlet of Edgecombetown.

The Tavistock family were represented in the commercial life of Plymouth, and the more important branch seated at Mount Edgecumbe by reason of their proximity and position were also important factors in the town life.

It was from Plymouth that Raleigh, Gilbert, Drake and, later, the Pilgrims sailed. There were fitted out the expeditions of Gorges and the ships of Trelawny. It was the port of departure of innumerable parties of emigrants for America and the destination of ships from America. No community in England was better informed of the actual conditions existing in New England, and the opportunities afforded there for advancement.

For further details concerning the Mount Edgecumbe family and the minor branches of the Edgecomb family in England the reader is referred to Vivian's Visitations of Cornwall and Devonshire, to the Dictionary of National Biography edited by Sidney Lee, to the printed visitations of Devonshire in the Harleian Society publications, and to printed collections relating to the peerage and gentry of England. Westcote describes the mansion at Mount Edgecumbe. See also Jewett and Halls Stately Houses of England, and Luke's History of Plymouth, England.

JOHN EDGECOMB,³ SR., died 11 April 1721. His will calls him "aged." His estate was appraised at £681, and consisted of a homestead in the town plot of New London, and two considerable farms. Caulkins' New London mentions him as one of the new inhabitants that appeared between 1670 and 1700. In King Philip's War, 1675, his house was fortified for defence of the neighborhood (Main Street, each side of Federal street). He was one of the patentees of Indian lands or Mohegan reservation. Ridlon's History of Saco Valley, Me., Settlements and Families says (p. 642):

"It has been assumed that this John of New London, and Nicholas of Scarborough, Me., were relatives — that they were brothers. Now I find that a John Edgecomb was an inhabitant of Kittery, Me., as early as 1640, and as there is no record of any grant of land to him there, as was the case with permanent settlers, he probably soon went away. As no other family of the name was settled in New England besides those of the two emigrants mentioned above, it may be assumed with plausibility that John of Kittery

William Edgecombe died 1380. — Hilaria dau. of William de Cotehele of Cotehele.

William of Cotehele temp. Henry V. — dau. of Dennet.

Peter, temp. Henry VI. — Elisabeth dau. & heir of Richard Holland.

Sir Richard of Cotehele, d. 7 Sept. 1489, at Morlaix. Knighted on Bosworth Field. Will pr. 1492. P. C. C. Doggett 11. Vis. 1620 begins with this generation.

— Joane dau. of Thomas Tremayne of Collacombe.

Sir Peirse, Knt., set. 20, in 1487; d. 14 Aug. 1539. Sheriff of Cornwall etc. Will P. C. C. Dyngley 30. [See Vis. of Cornwall.]

— Joanna dau. of James Durnford, who brought him Stonehouse.

Sir Richard, Knt., built Mt. Edgecombe 1550-5. Deed 1562. Will P. C. C. Street 12.

(1) Winnifred dau. of William Essex, Knight.
(2) Elisabeth dau. John Tregian.

Peires or Peter, of Mt. Edgecombe. M. P., Sheriff, etc. set. 26, 1562; died 1607.

— Margaret dau. of Sir Andrew Lutterrell. Named in will of her mother Thomas Mordaunt.

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Edward a minor in 1560.

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removed to Connecticut. In the record of marriage John of New London is described as the 'son of Nicholas Edgecomb of Plymouth, Old England.' This establishes the parental connection of John Edgecomb of New London. It is also stated that a Nicholas Edgecomb was actively engaged in establishing a settlement on Casco Bay, and himself visited it in 1658. This person was probably the father of John Edgecomb of New London. The corresponding name Nicholas suggests a near connection between the Maine and Connecticut families, and the probability that their respective heads, Nicholas and John were brothers. The records of New London were destroyed when the town was burned by the British in 1781, and only an imperfect history of this family can be compiled."

The following account of John Edgecomb, Senior, of New London is by Mr. Eben Putnam. The account of the Edgecomb grant was also prepared by Mr. Putnam from the evidences presented in the lawsuit of 1769 and such printed sources as were available.

The first appearance of John Edgecombe, Senior, of New London was about 1673.* His marriage was in February, 1673-4, and that he was a new comer there can be no doubt.†

New London was much alarmed upon the outbreak of King Philip's War, with the attack upon Swansea, and when the scene of hostilities moved toward the Narragansett country, succeeding the campaign in central Massachusetts and the Connecticut valley, an order was issued (Oct. 1676) designating six points to be immediately fortified. The second of these were the "houses of Mr. Christophers and Mr. Edgecombe" for defence of that neighborhood.‡ The courtesy title of "Mr." given him thus early in his residence proves that his social status was recognized. The times called for rigid distinctions and no man obtained the dignity of "Mr." unless a minister, magistrate, or of recognized social position. A law case reported in the Colonial Records of Connecticut in 1681 shows that he carried on a tanning business in addition to his other interests.

New London Records contain the following references to his family: John Edgecomb son of Nicholas Edgecomb of Plymouth, Old England, married to Sarah daughter of Edward Stallon, 9 Feb. 1673.

Children:§

John, born 14 Nov. 1675.

Sarah, born 29 July 1678.

Joanna, born 3 March 1679. [She married (intention, 2 Sept. 1716) Henry Delamore, and died 26 Jan. 1746-7. Hempstead Diary.]

Nicholas, born 23 May, 1681.

Thomas }
Samuel } births not recorded.

John Edgecombe, Senior, married Elizabeth, widow of Joshua Hempstead,

*Miss Caulkins, History of New London.

†Ridlon in Saco Valley Settlements erroneously states that he had a grant of land from the Connecticut Assembly in 1663.

‡Miss Caulkins, who adds that this locality was in Main Street each side of Federal Street.

§The names of the children are suggestive. The eldest son and daughter named for the parents. The next named respectively for the father and mother of the father. The only name not found in the Plymouth family being that of Samuel.

and 1 April 1704, John unites with his wife, administratrix of Joshua Hempstead's estate, in selling land.

John Edgecombe died 11 April 1721, leaving a will dated 30 March 1721, proved 14 April 1721. To wife Elizabeth if she surrender her dower rights, etc. Eldest son John and his wife, who are to quitclaim all rights in his estate resulting from his "meddling" with the estate of Joshua Hempstead. To son Thomas. To daughters Sarah and Joanna. To son Samuel his dwelling house. Executors: said son Samuel and Capt. Christopher Christophers. *New London Probate, Book B, page 401.*

The dower was set off to widow, and division of land made to daughters Sarah Bowles and Joanna Dilmore, 20 June 1723.

In 1713, Massachusetts appointed a commission to enquire into and settle the claims to eastern lands vacated by the settlers during the Indian wars commencing in 1676. Among the most important claims was that of the heirs of Sir Richard Edgcumbe under a grant from Sir Ferdinando Gorges of 1637. John Edgecombe of New London appeared for these heirs. The entry in the record is as follows:

"Mr. John Edgcomb, of New London in New England in behalfe of ye heires of Sr Richard Edgcumbe of Mounte Edgcumbe in the county of Devon Knt: Claimes all that Certain parcell of Land woods and Wood ground in Cascobay begining at the point and Enterance of the next River unto Sachadehock Tending towards the west and from ye Said Enterance by a direct line to Extend Two miles up into ye Inland parts thereby the western side of sd River, and from the Said point or Enterance of ye Same River to Extend along the Sea Coast of ye sd Bay by the Space of Two miles Westward, and from ye End of ye Same to Extend up into the Inland by the Space of Two miles more and from ye End of that Two miles to cross over unto ye Said River To meet wth the End of ye Two miles up ye River as aforesaid To be in ye manner of a Square. Together wth all that Island or Islands and parcell of Land in Casco bay aforesd Called The Two Twins, or by wt other name the Same be Called &c. Also all that part or preell of Land at or near ye Lake of New Summersett which is Conceived to be fouteen miles Distant from ye Shore of Casco Bay by a Northerly Line into the Inland parts wch parcell of Land is to Contain Eight Thousand acres, wth all mines &c., as pr a Deed thereof from Sir Ferdinando Goges To sd Sr Richard Edgcumbe—Dated July the 3d, in ye Thirteenth year of King Charles &c anno Dom —1637— and sufficiently proved and attested."*

*Miss Caulkins in the History of New London mentions the Edgcumbe grant. She suggests that Nicholas Edgcumbe who "was actively engaged in establishing a settlement on the bay (Casco), and himself visited it in 1658" was the father of John Edgcumbe of New London. For erroneous surmises of earlier date regarding Nicholas Edgcumbe of Casco Bay see History of Scarboro, Vol. III, Me. Hist. Soc. Col. and Folsom's History of Saco and Biddeford. Ridlon in Saco Valley Settlements devotes many pages to the Edgcombes but failed to realize the fact that the imaginary visitor of 1658 was no other than the humble follower of Trelawny then called upon to acknowledge the supremacy of Massachusetts.

The reader is referred to the Dictionary of National Biography, Jewitt's History of Plymouth, and Prince's Worthies of Devon, the principal sources apparently for Mr. Ridlon's account of the Mt. Edgcumbe family. In 1658 Nicholas Edgcumbe of Casco Bay had been twenty years in New England. He had served Trelawny at Winter Island as a fisherman from 1638 to 1642 and either the latter year or early in 1643 married Wilnot Randall, another employee of Trelawny. See Trelawny Papers, Baxter, pp. 190, 325, 327. He settled at Saco in 1660 and became a small landowner there, dying in 1681. His widow Wilnot was appointed administratrix on his estate. In 1678 she signed her name as Wellmeath Edgcome but elsewhere signed by mark. She was

The wording of this claim follows closely the original grant, although certain phrases not necessary to record at that time are omitted. Not until 1727 was the grant recorded. Moreover in the copy preserved in the Suffolk files, made from the original, probably forty years later, certain words given in the claim are indicated as lost showing conclusively that John Edgcombe must have been supplied with an exact copy, if not the original, on which to base his claim.

The history of this grant is interesting and as it may have had much to do with John Edgcombe's settlement in New England, a brief résumé is here given. Williamson has noted it, but even the History of Brunswick, Me., by Wheeler, who gives an extended sketch of the Pejepscot proprietorship, makes no mention of it.

The grant was of two distinct tracts, the most important in the eyes of the proprietors being the 8000 acres on the shore of what is now called Merry Meeting Bay, one of the most lovely sheets of water, and amidst the finest of scenery, to be found in America. It extended according to a map supplied by the Pejepscot proprietors who acknowledged its legality, between the Abajagussett and Cathance rivers, embracing a large portion of the present town of Bowdoinham. The other "parcell" of two miles square cannot be so definitely located. Gov. Belcher located it in what is now the present town of Freeport and this appears to be the best adaptation of the boundaries. In which case it would have been to the south of and clear of the patent of prior date granted to Purchase and Way and in which Belcher Noyes was interested. Sir William Pepperrell, however, included Small Point, many miles to the east, in its limits which does not seem a proper location especially as it would have conflicted with the grant to Purchase. The river next to the Sagadahoc to the west, is a sufficiently vague description. Until one reaches the main coast south of Maire Point where Maquoit Bay forms an "entrance" for the little river Bunganock, which tends to the west, there is little opportunity to meet the requirements of the grant. The Twin Islands is so common a name as to be of little use in locating the grant. There are more than 300 islands in Casco Bay. At Maire Point, however, was settled before

living in 1685. See York Deeds, printed. Nicholas was unable to write, and affixed his mark to several documents in which he appears. When he died it is stated by witnesses that he wished his son Robert to have his lands and care for his mother. His estate was small. In 1688 John Edgcomb petitions Gov. Andross for liberty to enlarge his holdings to 100 acres and for confirmation of land at Saco where he had 25 acres bought about six years since from John Bonighton, two acres of marsh left him by his father deceased, ten acres he bought of Philip Foxell, etc. Mass. Archives, 128, 220. In 1752 a suit was brought by heirs of Ambrose Boden formerly of Spurwink against John Rackley and others for trespass. Various depositions on file give valuable genealogical information. Nicholas Edgcombe, merchant, of Marblehead, and son of Susannah one of the daughters of Ambrose Boden, Jr., was one of the plaintiffs. Suffolk files, 69, 418. Ambrose Boden was driven away by the Indians in 1700 and that same year a John Edgcombe is taxed in Salem (Salem records).

Other children of Nicholas of Saco were Christopher and Michael (not Miles as stated by Ridlon), the latter aged 25 in 1676. All four sons were in the Black Point Garrison in Oct. 1676. (Bodge, King Philip's War, pp. 333, 336, 339.) A daughter Mary married, in 1664, George Page and later John Ashton and settled in Marblehead. Another daughter is said to have married a Pyncheon of Boston. The son Robert married Rachel daughter of James Gibbons. He died in 1730, his wife in 1724. (See Ridlon: Saco Valley Settlements.)

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1660 George Phippen,* whose father David had settled at Hingham in 1635, and whose uncle Rev. George Phippen in his will of 1650 bequeathes his right in a field in England held of Mr. Peirs Edgcumbe. The Phippens were an armorial family and it is barely possible that some prior acquaintance with the Edgcumbs had led to a settlement on land presumed to be within the Edgcumbe grant.

Sir Richard Edgcumbe, the grantee of Gorges, was one of the patentees named in the Great Charter of New England 3 Nov., 1620 (printed in full in *Me. Hist. Soc. Col.*, 1900, page 21). His name is found mentioned in the records of the Council for New England, under date of July 5, 1622, as one of a committee to which was referred the "businesse of Admittance of some of the Western Merchts to take into their consideracon ye election of six and who they shall bee."

The share or adventure of a member was £110. This was for a "partnership in ye Maine Land of New England" and did not include ventures in the ships building for the trade, nor could it have bought a share in trading profits.

There is on file in the Suffolk Court among the evidences introduced in the law suit a century and a half later a copy of a letter addressed to Sir Richard Edgcumbe:

"After our hearty commendations.

We percieve by account of certain moneys paid in to the hands of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, for the imployment and affairs of New England, that among others of us therein nominated, there is disbursed by you 50lb for the first payment of your adventure of £110, according to the Proposition made in the beginning of the Business, and for that we have found the charge, to be by much the greater, by reason that some of the first undertakers have failed in their performance contrary to expectation, divers of us have since been willing to make a Supply of £50 more, rather than it should suffer any maner of unnecessary delay. By which means we have so far prevailed, as that we are in expectation to send away our main Plantation this present year. And therefor do earnestly desire that yourself whom We have found so worthily affected already will be pleased to cause the remainder of your said Adventure to be sent to Doctor Goche the Treasurer for that Business with as much speed as possible you may. We shall give a Bill of receipt under our common Seal for the same, with a Confirmation of such Conditions for your furthur Satisfaction as appertaineth to any of ourselves even so not doubting of your speedy answer hereunto We Committ you to God and rest

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White Hall

17 Aprilis 1623.

To our very loving Friend Sir Richard Edgcumbe (words "Baronett and" erased) Knight, at Mount Edgcumbe near Plymouth."

Your very Loving Friends

Arundell & Surrey

Ferd Gorge.

The records of the Council are extant for this period and show great activity among those most interested in the Patent but an equal lack of interest from others. In order to stimulate the dying interest in the plan of colonization it was voted to divide the whole territory among the patentees who had made their adventure good. On the 29 June 1623 the patentees drew lots for their shares. As the original charter provided for forty adventurers, and not that number were then participating, and yet as there were more than twenty the

*See Waters' Gleanings, page 996, also Maire Point papers in Putnam's Historical Magazine, Vol. IV, N. S., page 8.

following order was passed the day preceding "itt is thought fitt that the land of New England be devided in this manner vizt.: - by 20 lotts and eache lott to conteyne 2 shares. And for that there are not full 40, and above 20 Adventurers, that onely 20 shall drawe those lotts. And the rest that are already, or shall hereafter become Adventurers, shall have one of these shares butt the proprietor shall first chuse one of those shares and leave the other."

Sir Richard Edgcumbe's name is not among those who drew lots at Greenwich. What further part Sir Richard may have taken in Gorges' schemes is not known. The records of the Council for many years are lost. Nor is it known whose lot he shared.

The plans of the original patentees failed and the settlement of New England took place under very different auspices. A brilliant and well ordered scheme for placing the country under Royal control was devised. A reorganization was effected; the great charter surrendered and the remaining eight patentees divided the whole territory, of which Gorges was to be royal governor. In the last division of 3 Feb. 1635 Gorges received Maine as his share; he already held a patent for that part between the Sagadahoc and Piscataqua. It was under this grant that he in turn granted the territories mentioned above to Sir Richard Edgcumbe, perhaps in recognition of his original adventure, or more probably as suggested by Baxter to repay advances to Gorges.*

Sir Richard Edgcumbe was buried at Maker 11 April 1639. The Civil War was about to open and his son and successor Peirce Edgcumbe, a royalist, if interested was in no wise equal to making an attempt at colonization. He died in 1666. His son, another Sir Richard, married Lady Anne Montague and added to the family fortunes and influence. It was during his lifetime that John Edgecombe went to America and it is not unreasonable to suggest that his going had something to do with the Edgcumbe grant. In 1683, Richard Wharton acknowledged the validity of the conveyance from Gorges,† evidently in the expectation that by so doing he would strengthen his own claim to the lands he had bought of the heirs of Purchase and Way. In 1714, Wharton's title was conveyed to a small company who styled themselves the Pejepscot Proprietors, who soon found themselves involved in a controversy with the Kennebec Company who held under the old Plymouth Colony grant, as to the extent of their lands especially to the westward, and which was finally compromised by accepting the southern boundary of Bowdoinham as their limit.

Sir Richard died in 1688 in his forty ninth year and his next heir, a younger son, did not attain his majority until 1701. This long period in which there was no one to act, following King Philip's War and the virtual abandoning of Eastern Maine for nearly forty years, would be sufficient cause for

*It is probably fortunate that the plans of Gorges failed. He will always receive the great credit due him for his earnest efforts in New England colonization and exploration. As Governor of the Fort and Island of Plymouth he enjoyed the best of opportunities of interesting wide awake men of business in his colonial projects. The trading element of Plymouth represented many of the old and well established families in the west of England. Robert Trelawny, man of wealth and courage, who suffered for his loyalty to his King with his life, was most energetic in his development of his plantation at Winter Island in Casco Bay.

†See endorsement on map of 1755. Suffolk Files 139, 354.

inaction by John Edgcombe if he held an agency from the Mount Edgcombe family.*

In 1720 John Usher, late Lt. Governor of New Hampshire, was in London and on the 10 Dec. 1720 Francis Nicholson, formerly Lt. Gov. of New England under Andros and since holding military and administrative offices in the Colonies, wrote to Richard Edgcombe enclosing extracts from papers he had of John Usher then "lodged at Mr. Peteets, barber, in Charles Court in the Strand, near York building and ready to give what account he can."

Usher was the agent for the Massachusetts Bay Company in the transaction by which that company bought the Province of Maine from the Gorges heirs in 1677, much to the King's discomfiture, who was himself negotiating for its purchase, and Nicholson notes the part Usher took. He asks that information concerning the Edgcombe claim be sent to him as soon as possible at Plymouth. Usher died at Medford in 1726, and if his intention in calling Lord Edgcombe's attention to the matter of the Maine lands was to obtain authority to act for him in that matter, it came to nothing. It is not unlikely that the letter of John Edgcombe of New London mentioned in Auchmuty's letter quoted below was in reply to enquiries addressed to him at this time.

When Jonathan Belcher was in England in 1729 as one of the agents of Massachusetts he met Richard Edgcombe. Burnet dying at this juncture, Belcher obtained the appointment of Governor in his stead. Such appointments were secured only through the aid of powerful friends, and it seems probable that Belcher had enlisted Edgcombe in his support. He undertook to do something for him in the matter of the Maine lands, and under date of 18 Oct. 1732 writes from Boston that he "has not been idle in the matter committed to his charge." He advises the erection of a building at Bunganock to hold that grant as settlers are beginning to encroach upon it, it being claimed by North Yarmouth. This is but a little earlier than the letter from Samuel Edgcombe of New London. Belcher lost his post in 1741, and in 1744 under

*The fortune of the Mount Edgcombe family, a junior branch from the original stock, and now represented by the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, was established by Sir Richard Edgcombe or as the name was then spelled Edgcombe or Eggescome. He represented Tavistock in parliament in 1467. He took part in the rebellion of the Duke of Buckingham and was obliged to fly to France where he joined Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, and followed him to England. He distinguished himself at Bosworth Field, was knighted, given extensive lands, and much honored with public appointments. In 1487, he was sheriff of Devonshire. In 1488, he was sent into Ireland and the following year on a mission to the Duke of Brittany and died at Morlaix 7 Sept. 1489. (Vivian corrects the generally accepted date of death as of 8 Sept.) By his wife Joan, daughter of Thomas Tremayne of Collacombe he had Piers, his successor, knighted in 1489, and who also was sheriff of Devonshire and engaged in the wars in France. He married Jane, daughter of Stephen Durnford, and through her obtained the extensive estates in Stonehouse. Piers died 14 Aug. 1539 and was succeeded by his son Richard, knighted in 1537, and who is stated to have studied at Oxford. He was much honored and beloved, and was something of a scholar, one of his accomplishments as related by his grandson, quoted by Prince in his Worthies, being the ability to indite an excellent letter. A portion of the Stonehouse estates he erected in 1550-1556, the mansion now standing, much changed, and called his estate Mount Edgcombe. It fell to his lot to entertain distinguished visitors to Plymouth. The mother of his children was Winifred, daughter of Sir William Essex. He died 1 Feb. 1561-2 and was succeeded by his son Piers, also sheriff of Devonshire, M. P. for Cornwall, who died in 1607. Sir Richard the grantee was his son. He married Mary Coteele and had Piers who married Mary, daughter of Sir John Glanville, of a famous Devonshire family. Piers was buried at Calstock 17 Jan. 1666. His son Sir Richard was buried

date of 12 March we find Robert Auchmuty writing to Lord Edgcumbe from Boston, that he has just arrived and "cannot pursue his Lordship's right until the fate of this expedition is decided." His next letter gives an account of the Cape Breton expedition, mentioned in his last and, finally spurred to action, he writes:

BOSTON, SEPT. 16, 1747.

My Lord:

In my sons packett I had the honor of receiving a copy of a letter from Mr. John Edgcumbe to your Lordship dated 19 Sept. 1721 and another from Mr. Samuel Edgcumbe dated 13 June, 1734: In less than a month I shall be in New London and make myself master of all that can be gained from that family respecting your Lordship's claims.
To Richard Lord Edgcumbe.

Unfortunately there is no further report from Auchmuty nor are copies of the New London letters on file. He had however, engaged the services of a "proper person" near the grant to look after the Edgcumbe interests. Probably this person was Sir William Pepperrell, the hero of Louisburg, who received a power of attorney in the matter 23 July, 1750 (Auchmuty* had died in April of that year), and that year we find a letter from Pepperrell alluding to his visit to Mount Edgcumbe. He locates the Casco Bay grant at Small Point and thinks the few settlers there will accept quitclaims of their lots. The conduct of the case was now in good hands, and although the deaths of both Lord Edgcumbe [Nov. 1758] and Sir William Pepperrell [6 July 1759] took place soon after, causing delay, the claim was pushed under the power of attorney given to Nathaniel Sparhawk, Pepperrell's son-in-law. Thomas and Jeremiah Springer were placed on the grant at Merry Meeting Bay as tenants, who were immediately sued by James Bowdoin the holder of a grant of 3300 acres from the Kennebec Company, and in June 1769 the case came to trial at Portland, resulting in the victory of Bowdoin. This result was a foregone conclusion as soon as the Kennebec Company obtained an acknowledgment of their bounds in that direction as the title they held under took precedence of the grant to Sir Richard Edgcumbe. Bowdoinham was incor-

at Maker 6 April, 1688. Piers son of Sir Richard by Lady Anne Montague (daughter of the first Earl of Sandwich) died a minor and was succeeded by his brother Richard born in 1680, created Lord Edgcumbe in 1742 and who was buried at Maker 1 Dec. 1758. He it was who began active measures to prove his title to the Maine lands. Lord Edgcumbe married Mary Furnesse and had Richard, who died unmarried in 1761, and who was the friend of Horace Walpole and George Selwyn, and one of the most popular of young noblemen. At his death the title and estates passed to his brother George Edgcumbe, a brave and successful naval officer. Lord George Edgcumbe served in the Mediterranean from 1739 to 1756, he was ordered thence to the American station and was at the reduction of Louisburg in 1758. It is probable that he may have visited New England at this time. After 1770 he was not in foreign service. He died in 1795, a vice admiral. In 1789 he was created Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. He married Emma Gilbert, daughter of the Archbishop of York. His descendant is the present Earl. An authenticated pedigree from Sir Richard who died in 1639 is filed among the evidences in the Maine land case, No. 139,354. Other details are taken from the Dictionary of National Biography.

*Auchmuty was one of the most capable lawyers in New England. He settled in Boston about 1716 and was Judge of Admiralty in 1728, and from 1733 to 1747 when he was superseded, which he considered most unjust treatment. He had been agent to England in 1743 and was attorney general of Massachusetts. He died in April, 1750, leaving a son Robert later Judge of Admiralty, and Rev. Samuel of New York both of whom were loyalists and refugees. Robert Sr., was a brother of "Dean" Auchmuty probably of London.

porated in 1762, and in 1766 the Pejepscot and Kennebec Companies reached an agreement accepting virtually the line between Topsham and Bowdoinham as their respective limits.

Joshua Hempstead of New London kept a diary beginning as early as 1711 and extending nearly through the whole of the years in which these attempts were being made to secure the Edgcombe grant, but nowhere does he mention the matter. He frequently alludes to his "father Edgcombe" and to the other members of the family.

It is a strange coincidence how the principal persons concerned in the dispute over the grant were more or less prominent actors in the campaign of 1745 which resulted in the fall of Louisburg.*

Lord Richard Edgcombe was at the time he took so active an interest in his American claim one of the Lords of Trade and hence in close touch with American affairs. At some time he became possessed of lands in York County to which Sir William Pepperrell alludes in one of his letters. Edgcombe, Maine, some distance east of the Edgcombe grant perpetuates the name of this family which during the whole period of the existence of the New England colonies were so much in touch with the principal actors in colonial affairs.

John Edgcombe of New London was a fitting representative of the more distinguished family of Mount Edgcombe. Beyond his connection with this grant comparatively little remains to be written about him. In 1702, 30 July, Gov. Fitz John Winthrop issued a commission to Mr. Richard Christophers, Capt. Benjamin Shaply, Capt. John Prents, Mr. John Edgcomb, Lt. John Christophers, and Ensign John Hough "to repair and put into a posture of defence" the fort at New London.†

In the latter years of his life he became involved in a lawsuit concerning the estate of his second wife's former husband, Joshua Hempstead, whose daughter his son had married. There are many references to this case in the Hempstead diary but apparently no ill feeling resulted.

Joshua Hempstead notes under date of 11 April 1721, "Father Edgcomb died," and under date of 4 Dec. 1727, that his mother, who had been sick, died in fifteen minutes after the recurrence of a sudden painful attack. He notes that she was born in 1652 and was aged "75 3/4 almost."‡

In 1715 a brig was built by John Edgcomb's son, Samuel, who was an early and important member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and warden or vestryman of same, 1735 to 1767.

*According to Auchmuty the entire credit of originating the scheme lay with him, he having pressed his suggestion to a successful conclusion while in England on business of the Province in 1743. Sir William Pepperrell was the commander, and was created a baronet in 1746. He visited England in 1749. In 1746 James Bowdoin went to England to urge the claim of the provincial seaman to a share in the prize money withheld by Admiral Warren, and was accompanied by Capt. Prentiss of New London who had commanded the Connecticut Colony sloop at the siege, and who visited Mount Edgcombe to take part in Christmas festivities there in 1746. John Edgcombe, a grandson of the first John of New London, died in the army, at Louisburg, in 1746. Lord George Edgcombe himself was at the second taking of the place in 1758.

†Mass. Hist. Coll., Winthrop Papers, Part V.

‡Diary of Joshua Hempstead, published by the New London Historical Society.

Another Samuel Edgecomb was one of the survivors of the Battle of Groton Heights and is mentioned in the account thereof in Miss Caulkins' New London.

At this time (1901) Edgecumb descendants* are still living near New London. The Edgecomb House, now the Fort Griswold House, a summer hotel, was owned and kept by Mr. Edgecumb until its sale about 1890. It is about two miles from Fort Griswold, the scene of the Battle of Groton Heights.

John Edgecumb Sr.'s first wife, Sarah, the ancestress of this line, was the daughter of Edward Stallion by first wife Margaret.

Edward Stallion's name is first found in New London in 1650-1. It is first recorded in the New London plantation as Stanley, but was soon altered to Stallion, or Stallon, and in later times was identified with Sterling, which may have been the true name. He was at first a coastwise trader, and the ship "Edward and Margaret" was built for him in 1681. His stone house in Town Street, New London, was built before 1660. In 1661 he was one of committee of three to view "poynt of land," and confirm it to Mr. Loveland. Later in life he became a resident farmer in North Groton, now Ledyard, Conn.

JOHN EDGECOMB,³ JR., of New London, born there 14 November 1675, lived in New London during the whole of his life. He was not a robust man and took little part in the military and political life of the day.

He married, 28 February 1699-1700, Hannah, daughter of Joshua Hempstead. On the 18 March 1707-8 he sells to his brother in law Joshua Hempstead land which came to him by virtue of his wife Hannah.†

The Hempstead Diary contains the following mention of his death "Sunday 19th (March 1732). Brother John Edgcumbe died last night of a lingering illness, he hath been drooping about 20 years, aged 56." His will, recorded Book C, p. 564, is dated 18 December 1727; proved 19 June 1732. His brother Joshua Hempstead to be executor. To wife Hannah the best room in his dwelling house, etc. To son Nicholas, provided he return home or it is certainly known that he is living, before son Jesse becomes 21. To son John if he ever return home, £5. To son Jesse house and

*Line of descent of HORACE ALBERT EDGECOMB:

John Edgecombe¹ of New London, died Apr. 11, 1721; married Sarah, dau. of Edward Stallion. Thomas Edgecomb² born 1694; died Sept. 16, 1745; married Katherine, dau. of Jona-Copp, of Copp's Hill, Boston. Samuel Edgecomb³ born 1730; died Aug. 14, 1795; married Dorothy, dau. of Nathan Smith. Jabez Edgecomb⁴ of Groton, Conn., a Revolutionary soldier, born 1763; died May 18, 1843; married Esther, dau. of Joshua Morgan. Thomas J. Edgecomb⁵ of North Stonington, Conn., born May 31, 1806; died Jan. 12, 1875; married Mary Louisa Law. Horace Bowen Edgecomb⁶ of Pawtucket, R. I., born Jan. 6, 1848; married Carrie Amelia Read, dau. of Henry Read. HORACE ALBERT EDGECOMB⁷ of Boston, Mass., born May 3, 1873.

† New London Deeds, 1707, page 182.

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lands, for life only, unless he have children, otherwise all my lands to revert to John son of my brother Thomas Edgecomb. Movable estate to daughters Sarah, and other three daughters Elizabeth, Hannah, Grace, and son Jesse each 1-5 part.

His children recorded on New London records were:

John, born 29 Nov. 1700.
 Nicholas, born 10 Aug. 1702.
 Hannah, born 9 Sept. 1704.
 Elizabeth, born 25 Sept. 1705.
 Sarah, born 20 March 1710-11.
 Grace, born 16 March 1712-13.
 Jesse, born 27 March 1721.

Of these children, Sarah married, 5 August 1731, Robert Douglass; Hannah married, March 1726, John Chapel. Grace owned the covenant and was baptized 17 February 1733-4.

John Edgecomb, Jr.'s, wife, Hannah Hempstead, was the granddaughter of Robert Hempstead, and the daughter of Joshua Hempstead, Sr., and wife Elizabeth Larrabee. Robert Hempstead probably came a young unmarried man to Pequot with Winthrop in 1645. Caulkins' New London says that a report that he was a knight and entitled to the address of Sir is not countenanced by anything that appears on record. In 1647-8 he was on the town committee of four with Mr. Winthrop. His eldest daughter, Mary (born 26 March 1647), was the first born of New London. His original homestead, built in 1678, was in 1895 still standing, and the most ancient building in New London. His wife, Joanna Willey, is supposed to have been a daughter of Isaac and Joanna Willey. She married, second, Andrew Lester, and died before 1660. Isaac Willey in 1647-8 was one of the town committee of four with Mr. Winthrop. He was an agriculturist and removed in 1664 to a farm at the head of Nahantic River, and in 1669 he was one of committee of four to lay out the King's highway, thence to New London. He died about 1685, having married, second, after 1670, Anna, third wife and relict of his former son in law, Andrew Lester, and she survived him. Joshua Hempstead, Sr., was born 16 June 1649. His son, Joshua, Jr., is described in Caulkins' New London, page 273, as "a remarkable man—one that might serve to represent, or at least illustrate, the age, country and society in which he lived. The diversity of his occupations marks a custom of the day; he was at once farmer, surveyor, house and ship carpenter, attorney, stone-cutter, sailor and trader. He generally held three or four town offices; was justice of the peace, judge of probate, executor of various wills, overseer to widows, guardian to orphans, member of all committees, everybody's helper and adviser, and *cousin* to half the community. Of the Winthrop family he was a friend, and confidential agent, managing their business concerns whenever the

head of the family was absent." The "Hempstead Diary," a private journal kept by him from 1711 to his death in 1758 is repeatedly quoted in Caulkins' New London and has since been printed.

The following account therein of a pleasure excursion in 1739 is sketched by Miss Caulkins from minutes in that diary (p. 409).

"On the third of October, Madam Winthrop, wife of John Winthrop, who was then in England, her son John, and daughter Ann, Col. Saltonstall and wife and two children, Col. Browne of Salem, with his wife and child and Mr. Joshua Hempstead went on a visit to Fisher's Island, which was then leased to George Mumford. The whole party crossed with Mr. Mumford in his sail boat, and remained four days on the island, nobly entertained by the Mumford family. The first day was diversified with an excursion to the east end of the island; the second day a fierce storm confined them to the house; on the third day they had a morning drive to the west end, and a visit to the woods; in the afternoon a famous deer hunt. Saltonstall brought down a doe, and Mumford two bucks, one of which was immediately dispatched by a carrier to Mr. Wanton of Newport as a present from the party. On the 7th of October they started for home at nine in the morning, but got becalmed, the flood failed them, and they ran into Mystic Landing near the house of Mr. Burrows, all walked thence to John Walworth's, where they obtained horses; and reached home in the evening."

GRACE EDGECOMB,⁴ born 16 March 1712-13, married James Daniels of Groton, Conn. The date of their marriage is not found in the records of New London because the town of Groton in 1705 ceased to be included in the territory of New London, and became a separate town. James Daniels was born 31 August 1708, and was the son of John, Jr., and Agnes (Beebe) Daniels, and grandson of John, Sr., and Mary (Chappell) Daniels of New London, Conn.

JAMES DANIELS³ and wife Grace Edgecomb had four daughters, viz:

GRACE ANN DANIELS,⁴ married Capt. Way of New Hampshire.

PHOEBE DANIELS,⁴

SARAH DANIELS,⁴ married Stephen Prentiss.

MARGARET DANIELS,⁴ born 17 April 1756; married Dr. Jonathan Prentiss.

The line of descent of James Daniels³ was John,¹ John,² James,³ as follows:

JOHN DANIELS,¹ SENIOR's, earliest date in New London is in April 1663 when his name is given without the "s," John Daniel. He died about 1709, and in July 1710 his widow, Mary, is mentioned in the records of New London. He was one of the subscribers to the patent of New London, 14 Oct. 1704, and one of the petitioners for a mill on Jordan Brook in town meeting in 1709. He married, 19 January 1664-5, Mary Chappell, daughter of George Chappell, who came

from London, England, in 1635, in the "Christian" aged 20. "He was at Wethersfield in 1637, and can be traced there as a resident until 1649, which was probably about the time he came to Pequot, bringing with him his wife, Margaret, and some three or four children." He died in 1709. "The Chappell family has been among the most prominent of the New London families."

JOHN DANIELS,² JR., eldest son, was born 19 January 1665-6, died 15 January 1756, and married, 3 Dec. 1685, Agnes Beeby, daughter of Samuel Beeby, who wrote his name indifferently Beeby or Beebe, and who, with his three brothers, first appears among the grantees or planters in New London about 1651, and was among the first comers there. His three brothers were Lieut. John Beebe who served as an officer in King Philip's war, Sergeant Thomas Beebe, owner of barque "Speedwell" and somewhat prominent in town affairs, and Nathaniel Beeby, who in 1712 had charge of the guard of the beacon on the west end of Fisher's Island. The Beeby brothers had house lots on Cape Ann Lane and grants of land at Fog Plain, and near the pond at Lanthorne Hill, east of the Mystic River. Samuel Beeby was one of the subscribers to the patent of New London 14 Oct. 1704. In a deposition in 1708, he states his age as seventy-seven, and says "I came to this town nearly sixty years ago." He died in 1712 leaving a wife, Mary. His former wife was Agnes, or Annis, daughter of William Keeny, who was born in 1601, came from Gloucester, Mass., with Rev. Richard Blinman about 1650, had a farm at Nahantick, was owner of the barque "Hopewell," and his wife was a member of Mr. Bradstreet's church. Samuel Beeby's son, Samuel, Jr., in right of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of James Rogers, "as well as by extensive purchases from the Indians, became a great landholder. He was one of the three who owned Plum Island in the Sound, and living upon the island in plentiful farmer style, with sloops and boats for pleasure or traffic at his command, he was often sportively called 'King Beebee' and 'Lord of the Islands.' A rock in the sea, not far from his farm, was called 'Beebee's throne'."

(The above account of the Daniels, Chappell, Beeby and Keeny families is from Miss Caulkins' History of New London.)

SARAH PRENTIS* (daughter of Dr. Jonathan and Margaret [Daniels] Prentis), born 3 February 1786; died in Burlington, Vermont, 1 December 1850; married Heman Allen of Milton.

The children of Heman and Sarah (Prentis) Allen were:

HEMAN ALLEN,³ JR., born 21 Sept. 1805; died 16 Nov. 1820.

LUCIUS ALLEN,³ born 29 March 1807; died unmarried 31 March 1826.

GEORGE ALLEN,³ PROFESSOR, born in Milton, Vt., 17 Dec. 1808; died in Worcester, Mass., 28 May 1876; married Mary Hancock Withington.

SARAH ALLEN,³ born in Milton, Vt., 13 Aug. 1810; died in Burlington, Vt., 14 April 1873; married Rev. John Kendrick Converse.

A DAUGHTER,³ born 12 Jan. 1813; died 9 Feb. 1813.

CHARLES PRENTIS ALLEN,^{*} CAPTAIN, born, in Milton, 5 Jan. 1814; died in Montreal, P. Q., 9 Dec. 1897; married, first, Maria Allin Sawyer; married, second, Mary Abbott Curtis.

JOSEPH WILLIAM ALLEN,^{*} born, in Milton, 17 Jan. 1819; died, unmarried, in Richmond, Vt., 15 March 1861.

JULIA ALLEN,^{*} born, in Milton, 18 March 1821; died 25 Aug. 1832.

JAMES HEMAN ALLEN,^{*} born, in Milton, 4 July 1824; died in Prescott, Ont., 18 Sept. 1875; married Jane Abigail Merry.

Sixth Generation

PROFESSOR GEORGE ALLEN⁶ (*Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Jr., Edward¹*), born in Milton, Vermont, 17 December 1808. He was fitted for college in part at the Academy in Burlington, Vt., under Principal Osgood, and in part by Mr. Porter a graduate of Dartmouth College. From August 1828 to April 1830 he was tutor in languages in the University of Vermont. He read law with Judge Turner of St. Albans and was admitted to the bar of Franklin County, Vt., in March 1831. In May 1834 he was ordained deacon, and a year after presbyter in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and officiated at St. Albans, 1834-37. An affection of the throat compelling him to retire from the pulpit, he was appointed



Prof. George Allen.



Mrs. Mary Hancock (Withington) Allen.

theological professor in the Vermont Episcopal Institute in September 1837. He was professor of languages in Delaware College at Newark, Del., 1837-45, professor of the Greek and Latin languages in the University of Pennsylvania, 1845-64, and professor of Greek language and literature in the University of Pennsylvania, 1864-76. He was honored by the University of Pennsylvania with the Doctorate of Laws in 1868. He was married, 7 July 1831, by Ralph Waldo Emerson, to Mary Hancock Withington of Boston, Mass., who was born in Plympton, Mass., and was a descendant of John Hancock. Prof. Allen's death occurred at Worcester, Mass., 28 May 1876. He united with the Roman Catholic Church in 1847.

He was "a scholar of rare attainments, of wide learning and liberal views." His collection of works on chess was said to be the largest and most valuable in America.

He was the author of *Life of A. D. Philidor, Musician and Chess Player*, Phila., 1863, 12mo. He was also eminent as a Shakspearean scholar. In the description of the library of the University of Pennsylvania in the Philadelphia Ledger of 3 January 1888, his unique and valuable library is thus described:

"The Allen Library includes about 5000 volumes relating to bibliography, Greek, and Latin literature, military science and Shakspeare, selected with great care by their former owner, the late eminent scholar, Professor George Allen, who held the chair of Greek in the University, and from whom they were purchased by private subscription and presented to the library. Of course books in Greek and Latin would be expected to be prominent among the treasures of a scholar having the taste and learning of Professor Allen. There is a large collection of ancient classic authors of the choicest editions, embracing nearly the whole run of writers, historical, poetical, and satirical, whose works have been preserved.

There are some oddities in this library which would scarcely have been expected in such a selection. There is a choice and most valuable assortment of works upon bibliography, many of them scarce and important. For instance there is a 'Manuel de Libraire' by Jacques Charles Brunet, the last edition in 1865 in twelve volumes, being an index to the literature of all languages. There are twenty volumes of the Bibliographical Works of Gabriel Pegniot, Kerl's 'Repertory of the Literature of Germany,' William Thomas Lowne's 'Bibliographical Manual of English Literature,' 'Trésor de Livres Rares et Precieux, ou Nouveau Dictionnaire Bibliographique,' in eight volumes, which is very valuable and scarce; Charles Nodiers' works on bibliography, 'Histoire des Livres Populaires ou du Colportage' by Charles Nisard. This is one of the most curious books in the collection, and is devoted to the literature that is popular with the people, such as almanacs, songs, jest books, story books, romances, and religious books. It embraces a period from the fifteenth century to 1852 and abounds with curious cuts and illustrations. 'Annales d'Imprimerie d'Elsevier' by Charles Piéters, published at Ghent in 1858 is a finely illustrated volume concerning the work of the Elzevirs, famous printers at Amsterdam, Leyden, and other places in Holland between two and three hundred years ago. The Elzevir editions of Latin classics, of the New Testament, Psalter, etc., are unrivalled, both for beauty and correctness. Didot's *Bibliotheca Scriptorum Saecrum* is complete, embracing a full set of Greek and Latin Classics, printed in both languages, a page of Greek being parallel with one of Latin. The body of works of Byzantine writers on History is among this choice collection. Of the Delphin Classics there are about 300 volumes.

One of the remarkable divisions among Professor Allen's books is that which relates to military history. He seems to have devoted much of his time to the career of Napoleon Bonaparte. There are Bonaparte books, and not only biographies of the 'Little Corporal,' but treatises upon the strategy and military exploits of the soldier in all languages; also the works of military authors, from the earliest efforts of the professional soldiers down to the exhaustive treatises of Jominez and others.

The Shakspeare division in the Allen collection is not only composed of the plays of the immortal bard, but of commentaries, criticisms and illustrations, which take up one or two hundred volumes, and is probably not to be matched in any other public library in the country."

At this time (Jan. 1900) a movement is on foot to endow a chair in the University of Pennsylvania in honor of Professor Allen.

The following is from the July 1876 number of the Penn Monthly published for the Penn Monthly Association by J. H. Coates & Co., 822 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

PROFESSOR GEORGE ALLEN, LL.D.

That the world knows little of its greatest men is a fact that can escape no thoughtful observer. Within the present decade there have passed out of our mortal ken some of the noblest and rarest spirits that God has given us for lights and guides in the world: and altogether they have attracted less attention than did either of the two millionaires who have died within the same period in a sister city. The public imagination is not excited by any accumulations save those which are material and tangible. Millions of dollars represent a mass of force of the sort which even the vulgar mind can understand, and in some degree appreciate; but it cannot understand the mental riches, the gathered stores of experience, of ripe wisdom, of wide and exact knowledge, of accurate scholarship, and above all of that blending of knowledge and character called culture, which are the results of success in other fields. It has ever been the aim of this magazine to address itself to those who possess a standard for the estimate of lives spent as was that of the great man whom our city and its University have so recently lost; and we need therefore make no apology for seeking space to speak here of his worth and of our sorrow. Many of our readers were his pupils and from them we expect no other censure than that we have said but poorly what they would desire to have said of their dear and honored teacher.

George Allen was born in Milton, in the state of Vermont, December 17, 1808. His father, Hon. Heman Allen, was of old Puritan stock, a member of the bar of the state, and very highly respected by his fellow citizens. He served his state both on the bench and in the halls of congress. He was a man of insight and foresight as well as character; a conservative in politics, he deplored many innovations in our political methods, especially the policy of President Jackson in removing his political opponents from office, and foretold the consequent degradation and corruption of our whole political system which would result from it.

His son received his first education at the district school of the neighborhood, but in 1822 he was sent into Canada where he resided with an excellent priest, Father Consigny, for the sake of acquiring the French language; and never lost the perfect mastery of it he then obtained. The next year he returned to Vermont and matriculated at the University of Vermont, in Burlington. While a student at that institution a change took place in its Faculty, which was an event in Mr. Allen's intellectual life. Dr. James Marsh was called to the presidency. It was a period when the mind of New England seemed sinking into stagnation. The

dry, mechanical thinking of the school of Locke and Paley had long held the ascendancy; "commonsense" was the supreme test of truth; freshness and vigor of thought was a thing of the past, and save in the vigorous polemic discussion of secondary theological and political themes, there was hardly anything worthy of the name of mental movement. Dr. Marsh, however, had drunk deeply of Coleridge; and, through Coleridge, of Kant, Schelling and the other great Germans. He was no lifeless imitator, either, but one whose intellectual life was vigorous and independent. In his every utterance there was the breath of an intellectual atmosphere as clear and pure as that of his native hills. A band of zealous disciples gathered around him, attracted both by his noble character and by the new, living and dynamical philosophy with which he replaced the old mechanical forms of thought. Lessons were learned and impulses were received which have never ceased to influence the theological, political and philosophical thinking of our country. While other influences equally vigorous have come into play alongside that of Marsh and Coleridge, and while some who, like Emerson, once sat at the feet of the former, have turned aside from following those masters, it should never be forgotten that with James Marsh at Burlington began the new and more productive era of American speculation.

No one was more profoundly influenced by Dr. Marsh than was George Allen; he used to speak of it as an instant of revelation, a supreme moment in his life, when Dr. Marsh occupied for the first time the college pulpit. From the admiring pupil he became, with the lapse of years, the zealous friend and champion of his revered teacher. He treasured every scrap of his utterances, copied his great sermons, and carried on a correspondence with him till Marsh's death.* But it was not so much the theology or the metaphysics of the Coleridgeans as it was their higher principles of literary interpretation and criticism, that moulded his own career. He absorbed with especial ardor their enthusiasm for Wordsworth, and their liking for the Germans, especially Lessing, Goethe and the Romantic school, authors who never lost their high place in his regard.

After Mr. Allen graduated, he served for nearly two years in the room of an absent professor, and was desired by Dr. Marsh to remain as a teacher in the university; but, in obedience to his father's wishes, he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1834. But while he very greatly enjoyed legal study, and never lost his interest in it or ceased to find profit in what he thus learned, his literary tastes drew him in another direction.

His father's family belonged to the Standing Order, as the Congregationalist churches of New England were called before their disestablishment. But nothing that he had seen of that denomination had ever attracted him towards it, and his knowledge of some of the Church lawsuits, in which his father was retained, had very decidedly repelled him from the system. In 1824, when he was at college, his room-mate showed him a prayer book; and when one of the Professors began to read the service to two Episcopal families and a few of the students, he bought a prayer book and began to attend the service. It was the first thing in the way of religion he had really liked, and his father, who was by no means an enthusiastic Congregationalist, seems to have acquiesced in this change on his son's part.

* He also took charge of printing those works of Coleridge which were republished at Burlington under Dr. Marsh's auspices, reading the proof-sheets and so forth. The habit then formed of reading critically and pencil in hand never left him, and was most useful to him in after life.

About 1830 a parish was organized in Burlington, and Mr. Allen at once became one of the congregation, and was soon after confirmed.

When his father came home from Congress, he plainly saw that theology was more to his son's taste than law; and though somewhat disappointed, he made the offer to support him in pursuing his studies at the seminary in New York city. Mr. Allen declined the offer from motives similar to those which prompted it, and cast about for some way of accomplishing his end without becoming a burden on his family.

In 1832 Mr. Allen began to study for the ministry, and at the same time became assistant to the late Bishop Hopkins in a seminary taught by the latter at Burlington. As might be inferred from the great disparity of their characters, he was not much in sympathy with the Bishop's principles of instruction or methods of discipline. He had more faith in a wholesome allowance of flogging than in appeals to the Christian emotions of an unruly boy. But he continued at this post two years, and then accepted a call to the rectorship of the church at St. Albans and was ordained a presbyter. As a pastor and a preacher he seems to have greatly enjoyed his work, and to have succeeded beyond his expectations. He never forgot the enthusiastic affection of his people, not only for himself, but especially for his wife. And the necessity of making preparation for the pulpit acted as a needful mental stimulus, so that he found time for and pleasure in other sorts of literary work. He always regarded this as his period of greatest mental growth.

He now began writing for the New York Review, with an article on "The Study of Works of Genius." And when Rev. Prof. J. McVickar, an Episcopal clergyman of some eminence, published an edition of Coleridge's *Aids to Reflection*, with an introduction in which Dr. Marsh was very needlessly assailed, it was Mr. Allen who replied to this attack and other attacks from the same quarter in a series of articles. It was characteristic of the man that, although Prof. McVicker was so much better known than himself, he would not write anonymously, but signed his name to all his articles. He would sometimes laugh, in later years, at the warlike style in which he carried on this controversy, and say that nobody would now believe that he was the author of those articles, were it not that they bore his name. It was at Dr. Marsh's request, or at least, at his suggestion, that Mr. Allen entered the lists on this occasion, as being the better qualified to reply to an attack which came from a member of his own body of Christians.

In 1837 he resigned his rectorship because of an attack of bronchitis; and being called to professorships in four different colleges, he accepted a chair in Delaware College at Newark. From this time he belongs to the Middle States. He came from New England, as he used to say, full of the notion that that section of the country had nearly a monopoly of American scholarship, or that at the least whatever existed elsewhere had been transplanted from that highly-favored cluster of States. But in a very brief time he found that the Middle States possessed a traditional scholarship which owed nothing to New England, and was—to say the least—not a whit behind hers in thoroughness of method and extent of range. On tracing the early history of our colleges and academies, he found that this was owing almost entirely to the educational labors of Presbyterian clergymen, chiefly from the north of Ireland. And while he discovered among us some traditional peculiarities derived from those early teachers which seemed to require correction, he never ceased to call attention to the great debt we owed them, nor to praise their thoroughness as classical teachers. The present writer well remembers that

when his article on "Ulster in America" appeared in the pages of this magazine, Dr. Allen, with something approaching sharpness, complained of the omission to speak of the great services rendered by the Scotch-Irish clergy as the educators of the Middle and of much of the Southern and Western States.

Prof. Allen's labors at Newark are but slightly known to us. But of course he carried there his enthusiasm for Coleridge and Wordsworth, and he seems to have found at least one fellow-disciple in the little faculty. Rev. W. S. Graham, the principal of the Newark Academy, which formed the preparatory department of the college, "formed his first acquaintance with Coleridge" after accepting that position, most probably through Prof. Allen, for they shared in "a still closer intimacy," he says, than that which grew out of their association as professors. Mr. Graham died soon after Prof. Allen left Newark, but no break had occurred in their friendship, since the latter edited the little volume of his friend's Remains published in 1849.*

It was in 1845 that Prof. Allen was called from Newark to the "Professorship of Languages" in the University of Pennsylvania. This chair had for several years been filled by Dr. Samuel B. Wylie,† one of the most eminent of those Scotch-Irish scholars we have referred to. Growing years and infirmities had compelled him to ask a release from active duties, and for a short period the duties of his chair had been discharged by an assistant, now Dr. George E. Hare, of the Divinity School. The two candidates for the position vacated were Messrs. Hare and Allen, and for a time the canvass of their respective claims was very vigorous. It was in the days when a more pronounced Churchmanship was coming into vogue among American Episcopalians, under the leading of the Oxford divines and their American disciples; and as the University was at that time virtually under the control of the Episcopal Church, Prof. Allen was put forward as representing this new movement, while Mr. Hare was supported by Low Churchmen. It was owing largely to the vigorous support of Prof. Henry Reed and other members of the Faculty—some of them quite indifferent to all merely theological issues—that Prof. Allen was elected: and in the September of 1845, he entered upon his duties. Dr. Wylie was on a trip to Europe at the time, and it was not until he was holding his first examination at the end of the Christmas term that Prof. Allen made the acquaintance of his predecessor. Their personal intercourse was but slight; he entertained, however, the loftiest regard for Dr. Wylie as a scholar and a man.

During those early years of his residence in Philadelphia, Prof. Allen sometimes officiated and preached in churches of his own communion. From the manner in which he spoke of his preaching we should infer that it was a source of no slight

*REMAINS OF WILLIAM S. GRAHAM. With a Memoir (by his wife). Edited by George Allen, Professor of Languages in the University of Pennsylvania, pp. 278. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1849.

†Dr. Wylie came to this country at the close of last century, having taken too prominent a part in the political movements of that period to permit of his remaining in Ireland with safety. With his cousin, the late Dr. Black, of Pittsburg, he landed at Chester, and came on foot to Philadelphia. At Broad and Market Streets they were told they had still a mile to walk before they would reach the city. They were very soon engaged as tutors by the University authorities, and William Cobbett, in his *Peter Porcupine's Journal*, calls attention to the "ominous names"—Wylie and Black—of the new tutors. Afterwards Dr. Wylie became Professor of Languages; he died in 1852. He was also eminent as a schoolmaster, an Oriental and classical scholar, a theologian, a professor of theology, and a leading divine of the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenanters Church. His memory is still most fragrant with all who knew him in school, church and University.

enjoyment to himself, at this period as well as when he was in Vermont. But he was most probably too severely conscientious in thought and too guarded in speech to become popular in the pulpit. As Aristotle enjoins, he was doubtless more anxious to say what *should* than what *would* move his hearers. It is to this that we ascribe the opinion generally expressed by those who remember him in the pulpit, that he was less effective there than in other fields of effort.

In 1847 he made the great change of entering the Roman Catholic Church, of which he remained a devoted lay member all the rest of his life. As a matter of course, the step excited great surprise and gave great pain to many of his friends. In one case it produced personal alienation and estrangement on the part of a colleague whose friendship he valued. But it is pleasant for those who loved both of the men to know that after a few years the old cordiality and mutual regard was renewed. The circumstances of his conversion are not so well known to the present generation as to make a reference to them needless. The Oxford movement, which took its definite rise about 1833, may be said to have received its first great check in the secession of its real leader, John Henry Newman, in 1845. Even impartial critics of that movement had long predicted such a step as the logical result of the principles of that school. It represented a type of religious thought in such avowed antagonism to Protestantism, that although it might find a sort of sanction in this or that fragment of the old Anglican theology, especially in its secondary writers, it was evidently not capable of maintaining a permanent position on what was historically Protestant ground. And it was impossible but that the stronger and clearer heads of the party should recognize and bow before the inner logical necessity of the situation, and should find a home with those with whom they were most in sympathy. There were some minor conversions before that memorable October 9, 1845; but from that date the secession became wholesale, and on our side of the ocean even a bishop renounced his place and functions to become a layman of the Roman Catholic Church. How far or how closely Prof. Allen had been in sympathy and agreement with Dr. Newman and his friends, we have no means of knowing. He was certainly known as a high Churchman, and not of the old fashioned, purely conservative type. Whatever he was he liked to be thoroughly; and he greatly disliked what he thought the slovenliness and lawlessness of the Low Church party of that day. But he thought he found more of profession than of faith in the ranks of his own friends, and he was frequently startled by the wide gap between dogma and practice, until he went where the two were, at any rate, in complete unison. So much we infer from his casual references to the subject, but of course we neither know nor wish to discuss the personal motives which actuated his decision.

The circumstance, however, which led Prof. Allen to turn his attention especially to the subject of the claims of the Roman Catholic Church, seems to have been the conversion of an intimate friend. When he left St. Albans in 1837, he was succeeded in the rectorship of the church by the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, whose acquaintance he formed while assisting Bishop Hopkins in his Academy. They had become close friends, and when Mr. Hoyt in 1845 or 1846 withdrew from his position to enter the Roman Catholic Church, the brunt of defending his act with several of their common friends fell on Prof. Allen. It was a time when polemic feeling was very bitter, and the criticism aimed at the new converts was frequently neither generous nor just. Ever since his residence with the good old priest in Lower Canada, he had been convinced that the popular Protestant notion of the

Catholic Church and of Catholics was largely an exaggerated prejudice, and in his zeal for the defence of his friend, he found himself brought more and more into sympathy with his friend's act. He began an examination of the whole subject for himself, and as a result reached the conclusion that he ought to seek admission to the Roman Catholic Church.

What we have said has had the object of reminding our readers that his conversion was not a thunderbolt from a clear sky, but that it stands related to a great movement, shared in by some of the brightest minds of his time—by men like Ward, Oxenham, Newman, Wilberforce and F. A. Paley. We have not sought to apologize for what he never thought needed an apology; it needed none with any who knew Dr. Allen, and were at all conversant with the purity, the simplicity and the loftiness of his character. All his family, we may add, took the same step as himself. He was baptized by Bishop Kenrick, in the year 1847, and took the name of Bernard in addition to his previous Christian name, probably out of regard of the bishop, who was a great admirer of that Father. For his own part, he used to say, he found great edification in the Fathers, but little literary enjoyment; for their somewhat turgid style did not suit his taste, which was severely classical. But Bishop Kenrick used to retort to this that he thanked God he had been kept from such excessive refinement.

His friendship for Bishop Kenrick survived the bishop's translation to the Archbishopric of Baltimore, and lasted till his death. As a Catholic churchman, Professor Allen was of the school of Kenrick and Newman, rather than that of Brownson and Ward. He spoke of Newman's *Essay on Development* in a way that seemed to indicate that it had exerted a great influence on his own mind, and he rejoiced to learn that the foremost Catholic theologians of Southern Germany took substantially the same view of the subject. And throughout the recent discussion in regard to the Vatican Council and its decisions, he was heartily in sympathy with Newman, against both his Protestant antagonists and his Catholic Censors. He exulted greatly to find that a theologian of such eminence as Monsignor Capel appealed to Kenrick's *Primacy of the Apostolic See* for a just and discriminating view of the Pope's functions; recalling the fact that when the book first appeared, Brownson had—to its author's great indignation—characterized it as an accommodation of Catholic doctrine to suit Protestant prejudices.

As years passed by the great qualities of Professor Allen obtained recognition, all dissatisfaction with himself and his course died away into forgetfulness, and he began to be regarded as the *dulce decus* of our *Alma Mater*. In 1854 his duties were shared with an Adjunct Professor of Languages, Mr. Francis A. Jackson, one of his own pupils being chosen to the place, and in 1864 Professor Jackson was elected Professor of the Latin Language and Literature, which was now finally separated from the Greek Professorship. These changes indicated the intention to give the study of the classics a still more eminent place in the College curriculum, and the first of them was the signal for opposition from both within and without the University. The example of some foreign institutions, and the growing importance of the physical sciences and of modern literature, were urged as reasons why the course of study in the University should be moulded in quite another direction. In this conjuncture, the Trustees desired a written opinion on the subject from each of the professors, which they had printed, but not published. That of Professor Allen is said by all who have read it to be a perfect masterpiece of close and vigorous reasoning, and it no doubt contributed very greatly to the

Board's wise decision not to yield to the clamor thus excited. In these days, when the fight between the old and the new education has been practically decided, not to the prejudice of the former, it is not easy to realize how much we owe to the few who fought the good fight for liberal education in the opening days of the struggle.

His later years were uneventful and peaceful. Their tenor was only interrupted by his occasional vacation to Bethlehem (Pa.) or to Worcester (Mass.), his two favorite *sanitariums*,—the former being dear to him for its quiet Moravian ways and its natural beauty; the latter, among other reasons, as being the home of Mrs. Allen's relatives. He generally went to Worcester by the Boston steamboat, and he always enjoyed a visit to "the Hub." He was struck with the indications presented even on its public streets of the diffusion of culture, as for instance by the crowds that gathered about the windows of the picture stores. His first visit and his first sight of a city was in 1829, when he went thither to see Miss Withington (Mrs. Allen). It was also the occasion of his first sight of a large collection of books, for the whole collection at Burlington could have been arranged on three or four shelves, and were mostly the gifts of generous authors and publishers. Having a letter of introduction to George Ticknor—from Dr. Marsh, we think—he called to present it, and was received by the great historian of Spanish literature with a courtesy he could never forget. On being shown by his host into the library, and finding a large room lined from floor to ceiling with well filled book-cases, he looked around with hungry eyes in a sort of rapture; but he was still more surprised when Mr. Ticknor said—in his low, pleasant voice—that this was but a part of his collection.

In 1867, because of his age and declining strength, he was relieved of a part of the duties of the Greek chair, by the election of Prof. J. G. R. McElroy as Assistant Professor (now Adjunct Professor) of Greek and History. In 1868 he received from the University the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1872, on the occasion of the removal of the University to more commodious quarters in West Philadelphia, the Alumni of the University, with some assistance from the Board of Trustees, purchased his collections of classical, bibliographical, philological and military works, together with his Shakespeare Library. The purchase of his collection of the European classics was also spoken of, but nothing came of the proposal. Although the price he received was very much less than the books had cost him, to say nothing of the value of his judgment as an expert in their selection, he was not content to hand over to the University the books actually in his possession. The instant he became possessor of a part of the fund, he proceeded to complete and to bind sets of works, notably the great *Bibliotheca* of the Greek authors, published by Didot in Paris, in order that the literary apparatus of the Greek chair might be as complete as possible. His own view was that his library in particular, and that of a city University in general, should be adapted to the wants of the professors rather than of the students, who have abundant access to collections less technical in character. The trouble of the librarian in arranging his library was made an enjoyment by his long and delightful talks about his books. Every volume was a friend, had its history, seemed a part of his life. And it was a still greater pleasure to hear him say that he had even better access to his books in their new home, than when they were in his own charge. He was no precisian in the matter of order, and anywhere within a yard of where he found a book, was a good place to put it back.

In connection with the sorrowful event which attended the opening of the new University building, the sudden death of Prof. John F. Frazer, Dr. Allen was very greatly moved. Prof. Frazer was his senior in the Faculty, had labored hard to secure his election, and while they often differed very widely as to points of University policy, they preserved an unbroken friendship to the last. Each had a high respect for the other, and it was a new revelation of Prof. Frazer's character to hear Prof. Allen's reminiscences of the history of his colleague. Whatever there was worth saying in our notice of Prof. Frazer's death was derived from Prof. Allen's statements, and it but feebly reflected their interesting character.

For some time back there had been indications of a decline of his bodily powers. He became more and more indisposed to walk out to the University, as had been his custom when not accompanied by Mrs. Allen. During the spring he had been rather seriously unwell, but he seemed to be recovering his strength. On Wednesday, May 24th, he bade us farewell at the University, saying that he had completed his examinations and was going off to New England to stay until near the end of June. On Saturday morning he wrote from Worcester to Mrs. Allen that he had never been better in his life; but before his letter reached Philadelphia, the telegraph brought news of his death from disease of the heart, after an illness of twelve hours. He was fully aware of his liability to sudden death from that cause. His funeral took place on the following Wednesday, at the Church of the Holy Family, in Philadelphia, and the Faculty and students of the University united with his family and his friends in the last tribute of respect to the good man and great teacher who had been so suddenly taken away from them.

The following Resolutions prepared by Vice-Provost Krauth, were adopted by the Faculties of Arts and of Science of the University at a special meeting, June 1st:

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of our deceased colleague, the exercises of the University be suspended until the day after the funeral ceremonies.

Resolved, That the members of the Faculty of Arts and of the Faculty of the Towne Scientific School attend the funeral in a body, and wear the customary badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the chair of our deceased colleague in the chapel be draped in mourning until the end of the first term of the coming year.

Resolved, That the following minute be entered upon the record of the respective Faculties, and that it be communicated to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of our sincere condolence with them in the great loss they have sustained.

"The conjoint Faculty of Arts and of the Towne Scientific School of the University of Pennsylvania have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Prof. George Allen, LL.D.; and under a painful consciousness of the loss it involves to them, to the University, and to the world of classic letters, desire to give expression to their cordial affection for him, their admiration of his exalted personal character and their grateful sense of the eminent services rendered by him in the chair which, for thirty-one years he filled with such marked distinction. He wanted no one of the qualities of the finished gentleman, the polished scholar, the efficient instructor. In the class-room he taught with brilliant success, and maintained in it a discipline, almost unique in its perfection, by the simple force of his own well-balanced character, in which gentleness and dignity, strictness and kindness, were in complete accord. His pupils were obedient in love, and could not tell whether reverence or affection predominated in their feeling towards him.

"As a scholar, especially in Greek literature, he combined the nicest accuracy with a broad range of attainment, and his general knowledge was varied and thorough. All his tastes were of the most refined character. There was nothing pure and good in books and in men to which his affinities did not draw him. His judgment was so clear and solid as to possess the highest practical value. He was a wise and safe counsellor. His views of education—the result of large investigation and of ripe experience—were genuinely, not blindly, conservative. His devotion to all the interests of the University was in keeping with his absolute fidelity to his own official duties. He always inspired and always justified a feeling of perfect trust. He took no doubtful place among the faithful and good, who have devoted their labors to the highest welfare of mankind.

"His life was not only beyond the power of calumny, but was lifted above all the occasions which tempt men to it. His years, his long and honorable connection with the Faculty of Arts, not more than his pre-eminent ability and worth, and his place in public regard, give him no secondary position among the historic names which are the glory of our University."

Professor Allen's greatness as a college professor was the greatness of genius. He filled, not his chair only, but his room, by diffusing around him a subtle atmosphere of culture, and devotion to study, which moulded the minds of the most unpromising students. He abounded in tact and was always in the highest degree considerate of his classes; he laid it down as a first principle that no subject, no text book, no recitation should ever be made a bore. He combined a certain courteous warmth of manner with great evenness of temper, and a perfect control of his class. Nowhere was order preserved in such perfection, or with such slight show of effort. As a teacher he was conscientious and patient to the last degree. He seemed to have no favorites, so earnest was he to do his very utmost for the slowest scholar in the class. It was a sight worth seeing, to observe the perfect self-control of the great Grecian, as some bungling Sophomore was carried through the translation of Hesiod or Thucydides, and actually brought—to his own great surprise—to see into the sense and force of what had been but lifeless words when he hammered at them with grammar and dictionary. But the vivifying influence he exerted on the minds of his pupils was something unique, and greater in value than even his instructions. He infected them with his own enthusiasms, and led them to adopt his own high standard of attainment. Hence his great hold upon their affectionate regard; in every reunion of the classes, the first question asked has always been, "How is Dr. Allen?" And very often it was asked, not only by the well behaved and studious men, who stood high in everybody's opinion, but by the idle scamps who had wasted their time with other professors, but could not escape his fascination. Of course his genius as a teacher consisted not merely in the natural possession of certain exceptional powers, but largely in their patient and lifelong cultivation. *Poeta nascitur, non fit*, and genius has been well defined as the power of continual application. It is said by those who observed his whole career, that while Professor Allen was always a teacher of marked ability, his greatness came with ripeness of years, and after a long and strenuous discipline of himself.

Great as was the delight of being Dr. Allen's pupil, it was a still greater to be associated with him in the Faculty. He seemed at once to enter into right and natural relations with all his colleagues. They all loved him, trusted him and valued his advice, precisely in proportion to the degree of their intimacy with him. If he made any difference among them, it was in the affectionate interest he took

in the younger professors, and the satisfaction he showed in their success. He set before all the example of punctuality and regularity in attention to every duty, and of courteous propriety in their discharge.

As a student and a scholar he was both a complete master of his own branch of knowledge, and a man of the widest and most general attainments. He was saturated with Greek, without losing a wholesome thirst for anything else worth knowing. But Greek was his first object, and he pursued every scrap of knowledge that could cast light upon the interpretation of his text-books, with an enthusiasm that never tired. One case will illustrate this: there was published in Paris, during the French Revolution, a dissertation by a French officer in which he had cleared up a very obscure point in Thucydides' account of the operations of the Athenian fleet in the harbor of Syracuse. Dr. Allen got scent of that dissertation and learned its value some twenty or perhaps thirty years ago, and never ceased to watch for it. He found it at last, some time during the close of last year. And he was just as ready to undertake a long course of study with the same end in view. Finding that it would help him to explain the Greek historians, if he were thoroughly conversant with military science, he collected and mastered the contents of quite a library of military authors, and took rank among experts as one of our best writers on that subject.

He contributed several fine papers to the *United States Service Magazine*, which was edited during the war by his colleague, Prof. Coppeé.*

As might be inferred from what we have said of Prof. Allen's early attachment to the literary principles of Coleridge and Marsh, his scholarship rose above the mere grammatical and lexical niceties of the verbal critic. In all these, indeed, he was thoroughly at home, and he taught them with a care and a thoroughness which helped his pupils to habits of accurate discrimination, which must prove of the highest value to them in after life. But Greek was to him not mainly grammar; it was *literature*. He prized it for its palmary examples of all the great forms of literary art; he regarded every Greek text as an artistic whole, informed by an inner unity of purpose, and only to be studied in view of that purpose. And as a corollary to this, he found in every work—whether it was a tragedy, a history or an idyll—a picture of the Hellenic mind on some of its many sides. His text books—as he made us feel—were full of a life that men had actually lived, of thoughts that they had really thought, of insights into truth or outlooks upon the world's beauty that had gladdened their lives. Greek life he made real to his classes, by his having lived it, in some sense, himself, and without missing one of the verbal niceties upon which lesser teachers concentrate all their attention, he sought above all to introduce his pupils into the very life of whatever they were reading.

Dr. Allen's eminence as a Greek scholar was fully appreciated by the best judges in that branch,—by such men as Felton, Hadley, and Woolsey. But it is a great loss both to American scholarship and to the University, that he has not put on record some of the results of his studies. He had in contemplation to prepare a critical edition of some Greek author—Æschylus, we think, or possibly Thucydides.

*After the appearance of Prof. Reed's valuable annotated edition of Dr. Thos. Arnold's *Lectures on Modern History*, the professor's brother, the late Wm. B. Reed, Esq., said to Prof. Allen: "I know where Henry got all that mass of learning about ecclesiastical matters. That was from you, of course. But I can't imagine where he learned so much about military questions." "You have got matters just wrong," was the answer, "for all that he says on ecclesiastical topics is purely his own, but I helped him to his military knowledge."

But his own standard of excellence was so high, that he spent the working years of his life in collecting materials and laying the foundations; so that when the advance of old age relaxed his energies, he sadly gave up the project, as it was now too late. But he did spend his last year's leisure in putting on record some of his discoveries and experiences as a teacher,—not with a view to their immediate publication, but that he might put them in charge of his colleague, the Professor of Latin, for practical use and for completion. The results of his labors are to be sought therefore partly in the pupils in whom he fostered the love at once of letters and of all things noble and of good report, and partly in a valuable and carefully selected library, which is now among the treasures of the University.

He had a true scholar's enthusiastic admiration for the great men of his own profession. Hermann and Bently, Schweighauser and Dindorf, Stallbaum and F. A. Paley were his *Dii Majores*; and Stallbaum's Plato took rank with him as the incomparable masterpiece of classic erudition, *ακρῆμας ἀεί*. Plato was, even more than Thucydides, his favorite Greek, but was loved more for his exquisite literary beauties than for his philosophical merits. Dr. Allen was reluctant to concede to the negative critics that any of the dialogues are spurious. "If Plato did not write that," he would say, "who could have done it?" Yet he admitted that the *Republic* at least is hard reading, and once tripped up a Harvard Professor in his eulogy of it by the posing question, how often he had read it through. It appeared that they each had got through it but once. After Plato and Thucydides in his affection came the Greek dramatists; and he was not indisposed to put Paley's editions of them alongside Stallbaum's Plato. Paley seemed to him the greatest of the living editors of the Greek classics.

As we have said, Dr. Allen's acquaintance with literature was almost encyclopedic. He read with the avidity and the persistency of a scholar of the Renaissance, yet never seemed burdened by his erudition, or weakened in his sympathy for his fellow-men. He also followed the rule of devoting his attention, first of all, to the great books, and keeping those of secondary value for a secondary place. But his taste was most Catholic; it ranged from Paul Louis Courier's witty pamphlets and Ste. Beuve's delicate critiques, to Fenelon's *Spiritual Letters* and Francis de Sales on *Divine Love*.* His keen sense of humor, and his nice appreciation of difference in literary merit made his reminiscences of books and authors very delightful. We may be pardoned for recalling, as our memory serves, some fragments of these conversations. His literary tastes were most exacting; mere excellence of matter did not excuse slovenliness of form, but he especially required a certain masculinity of judgment as essential to good writing. He used to class together a great number of very dissimilar authors as "overgrown boys." Frederick W. Faber and John Stuart Blackie were of the number.

Of English poets, Shakespeare and Wordsworth always held the first place in

* On the first occasion on which we met Prof. Allen outside the class-room, he began to make inquiries about the Covenanter Church, and asked whether we had read *Naphthali, or the Hind Let Loose, Faithful Contendings*, and other curiously named pieces of polemic divinity, which had emanated from "the poor, persecuted remnant" during the seventeenth and eighteenth century. We had to confess that our knowledge of them did not go far beyond their title pages. He had read all of them when he was living in Vermont, having borrowed them from a gentleman who had been a member of the Covenanter Church, and who had needlessly provoked him to a controversy as to the merits of the Solemn League and Covenant. We doubt whether any living divine of the Covenanter Church knew so much about her oldest literature and her early history.

his esteem. His contributions to the little volume our Shakespeare Society printed are said by its fortunate possessors to constitute the most precious part of the book, and his Shakespeare library, now in possession of the University, is a fine illustration of his power to select the best and most serviceable books on his favorite branches of study. Delius he preferred to all other editors. Of Wordsworth's poems he was careful to procure the first and therefore the unaltered editions, holding that the poet was the worst of emendators, and that he was not to be trusted in his critical moods with the products of his seasons of true inspiration. He greatly valued the poems of Wordsworth's two eminent disciples, Henry Taylor and Aubrey de Vere, and regretted that so much literary excellence had escaped the attention of most readers.

Robert Browning and his wife, especially the former, commanded his high regard; though, like most readers, he had for a long time been repelled by the rough and grotesque garb in which Browning clothes his thought. He was also a great reader of De Quincey, and as he always read pencil in hand with a view to correcting mistakes,* he was able to contribute very essential emendations to the later issues of the American edition of his works. He rendered the same service to Hawthorne and had discovered some notable errors in the printing of one of his novels, only a few weeks before his own death. Of our native authors, he preferred Hawthorne and Emerson to all others. He first met the latter in the days when he made pilgrimage from Concord to Burlington, to sit at the feet of Dr. Marsh. His interest in him was again aroused by the fact that Mrs. Allen was until their marriage a member of Emerson's Church, and that they were married by that gentleman. He made it a rule to buy Emerson's works as they appeared, but did not begin reading them till about ten years ago, and found them very delightful. About the same time he took up Goethe, whose works had been the delight of his youth, and found that they retained for him all their old power and charm. He had a very high opinion of G. H. Lewes' *Life of Goethe*, and, indeed, of almost everything that came from that gentleman's pen—an estimate which surprised us.

He was of course an unwearied reader of history. He set a great value on Grote's *History of Greece*, because of the lifelike and vigorous method of the book, while quite ready to concede to English critics that Grote had been caught tripping here and there. It was characteristic of his scholarly tastes that he could not abide the American reprint of Grote, in which the notes and excursions are some-

*We are indebted to him for many slight, but not unimportant corrections made in this way in his copy of our *Social Science and National Economy*, which he kindly loaned us when we were making preparations for a revised edition. He had read nothing on the subject since he studied J. B. Say at College, and he was pleased to see what a wide range of discussion is taken in later treatises.

Of our faults of style, he was especially severe on the use of *that* for *which*, but after a few days he remarked that he had been looking into Hawthorne again, and found him as fond of the relative *that* as we were. He maintained it to be characteristic of a weak style to be always inserting the relative, and pointed out its continual omission in passages quoted from Swift. As to our abuse of *shall* and *will*, he declared their correct use a mystery too deep for any Irishman to fathom.

While a decided and severe purist, he had no patience with what he called schoolmaster's rules, such as the requirement that no sentence begin with a conjunction. On the other hand, he had as little patience with modern mannerisms, such as that use of *directly* for *as soon as* which some Americans are trying to import. His abhorrence for Webster's Dictionary, in the old editions, at least, was most fervent, and he on some occasions appealed to Walker, as an authority never superseded.

what abridged. He gave high praise to Lecky's *History of Christian Morals*, admiring especially the wonderful range of knowledge and the gentlemanly delicacy and refinement shown in the treatment of topics which Gibbon touched in quite another style. He complained that justice had never been done to the fairness of Lingard; while Froude was his *bête noir* and Macaulay no favorite. But Burton's *History of Scotland* he praised as being such a book as only a professional lawyer passionately fair and truthful could have written. He also spoke very highly of Napier's *Montrose*.

As regards European literature, he had no love for the semi-pagan heroes of the Renaissance, who have again become the fashion of the day; he greatly preferred the manliness and sincerity of Luther to the servility and hypocrisy of Erasmus and his set. He could even enjoy the wit of outspoken Protestants like old Estienne; and Rabelais was one of his favorite books. With French classic literature, both earlier and later, he had, we believe, an accurate acquaintance, which extended to many out-of-the-way books, like old translations of Plutarch. The same is true of the German, Spanish and Italian classics. Ozanam's work *Dante et la Philosophie Catholique du XII^{me} Siècle* turned his attention, like that of many others, to the great Florentine, eventually leading him to the study of the Italian classics; and he was also conversant with Spanish literature. De Maistre was another favorite author, and the *Soirées de St. Petersburg* one of his favorite books. He also pointed to De Maistre's *Essai sur le Principe Générateur des Institutions Politiques*, as an epoch-making work, since it is the first enunciation of the great truth that political institutions are not the product of the reflective understanding, but the outgrowth of the life of the nation. For merely metaphysical literature he had no natural taste. As we have seen, it was first of all the literary and then the theological side of Coleridge's works attracted his attention. He professed no acquaintance with the great masters of speculation. Something he had seen quoted from Schleiermacher induced him to procure his works, but he found them not at all to his liking, and therefore exchanged them for music. He recommended his friends to read Newman's *Grammar of Assent*, because this or that competent judge had praised it very highly; but for his own part, he said, it was too abstract and difficult for him. Father Newman he used to call his hero, and he especially admired in him a certain power of divination, which he regarded as the crown and the glory of scholarship.

Besides his literary pursuits, he had many others in which he took a lively interest. He was, for instance, a very fair mineralogist, Prof. F. A. Genth tells me. He had a decided liking for mathematics, but failed to master the subject because of the insufficient instruction given at Burlington, in his days of study. He was passionately fond of music, and spoke with great interest of the progress of his son, who had devoted himself to that noble art as a profession. He himself played on the violoncello until the development of his disease of the heart compelled him to relinquish it. His fondness for the imperial game of chess he evinced by his carefully prepared *Life of Philidor* (Philadelphia; 1865); and his chess library is one of the most valuable ever collected. One of his half-humorous, half-earnest proceedings was a careful study of the history and physiology of prize fighting, including the special study of a certain idyll of Theocritus with his college classes, at the time when the great match between Heenan and Sayers was the excitement of the day.

He was no mere recluse, devoid of a public spirit and an interest in the social

and political movements of the times he lived in. He had been taught from boyhood to regard the courses of events from the standpoint once called Federal, and then known as Whig. He cordially detested the institution of slavery, and gloried in O'Connell's rebuke of sundry American Catholics for their servility to the slave power. He was also delighted with the cumulative evidence given by the Spaniard Balmes in his famous controversial work on *Catholicity and Civilization*, that the Catholic Church had been the great agent in the extermination of slavery and serfdom in Europe. He cared for little else in the book, he said. Not thinking it possible to directly attack slavery under the restrictions imposed by the Constitution, and believing that there were great indirect agents quite sufficient for its destruction, he took no part with either the Free Soil or the Republican party, until the outbreak of the rebellion. But feeling that the friends of slavery had betrayed it by their own folly, and had placed its abolition within the power of the national government, he was urgent and even impatient that the opportunity should not be lost. He sympathized with Gen. Fremont in his early attack on it, and in 1864 would have preferred him to the more dilatory Lincoln for the Presidency. He watched the course of the war with the intensest interest, but was very greatly dissatisfied with the solution of the reconstruction problem, which was finally reached. He was convinced that Thad. Stevens's plan of twenty years' military government for the South would have been more acceptable to the southern people themselves, and infinitely better for all southern interests. In later years he spoke but little of political questions—an exception being an outburst of just indignation at Gen. Grant's *ad captandum* speech on the Public School question.

For a time he acted as resident consul for the Papal States, a position whose duties were not rendered unduly onerous by the extent of our commerce with that power. While he had a high personal regard for the Pope, he thought but little of his subjects. Italians of any sort he could not and would not affect; and he held out stoutly that the report that Pio Nono had called Gladstone "a viper," was one of their malicious lies. He watched with just sympathy and indignation the oppression of German Catholics, and of many German Protestants, by the new German Empire; he could not understand how Americans, who are so zealous for the principle of toleration, can look on so calmly when anybody they dislike is persecuted. On the other hand he exulted in the utter and final separation of Church and State which exists in America, declaring that the Church had lost far more than she gained by her alliance with kings and princes, whose lives dishonored her teaching. At the same time he pointed to the royal house of Saxony as a dynasty exceptionally pure and noble. He predicted a new era for Catholicism in America, where the grand ideals of the Church may be freely realized among a free people, and without interference from any extraneous power.

What we have said of Professor Allen as a teacher, a scholar and a citizen, has necessarily anticipated much of what might be said of him as a man and a Christian. So great an intellectual power could not have preserved its freshness and simplicity through so long a life, and won such reverence from all who came within its range, had it not been deeply rooted in his moral greatness. He was not merely a splendid specimen of this or that sort of man; not merely a magnificent scholar in his own branch; he stood above the common level of men in the great qualities common to and characteristic of our race. All that makes the essential difference between a good man and a bad one, lay, as it were, at the very root of

his being. The Spirit of God was with him, quickening in him all things excellent and of good report, and giving him favor and honor with all good men.

Those who were of his own communion testify to his careful attention to every religious duty, and his devotion as a Christian. His colleagues, all of them of other communions than his own, would unite in speaking of him as one whose life was consistent with his profession, and abundant in every virtue.

*Post obitum vivam tecum, tecum requiescam,
Nec fiat melior sors mes sorte tua.*

ROBT. ELLIS THOMPSON.

A sketch of Prof. Allen was the subject of an address by Walter George Smith, Esq., at Houston Hall, June 13th 1900, to the Society of the Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, which address was printed in pamphlet form.

Children of Prof. George and Mary Hancock (Withington) Allen:

ELIZABETH WITHINGTON ALLEN,⁷ born 11 April 1832; died in Pleasantville, N. J., 10 Nov. 1902.

JULIA ALLEN,⁷ born 28 Aug. 1833; died 2 May 1897.

TWINS,⁷ born 1835; died at birth.

HEMAN ALLEN,⁷ born in St. Albans, Vt., 11 Aug. 1836; died in Chicago, Ill., 27 Jan. 1893; married Clara Niles.

GEORGE ALLEN,⁷ JR., born in Newark, Del., 22 Jan. 1838; married, 1st, Maria Augusta Hepburn; married, 2nd, Priscilla Turner Holloway.

MARY HANCOCK ALLEN,⁷ born 10 May 1839; died 10 April 1852.

CAPTAIN CHARLES PRENTIS ALLEN* (*Heman*,⁸ *Enoch*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁸ *Edward*,² *Edward*¹), born in Milton, Vt., 5 January 1814. He was married, first, in Burlington, Vt., 23 June 1840, by Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, to Maria Allin Sawyer, who was born 28 April 1811, died, in Burlington, 16 October 1845, and was the daughter of Col. James Sawyer of Revolutionary memory, and his wife, Mrs. Lydia (Foster) Sawyer. He was married, second, in Trinity Church, New York City, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Berrian, 5 October 1848, to Mary Abbott Curtis, who was born in Concord, Mass., 27 July 1819, and was the daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Abbott) Curtis, who resided in Roxbury, Mass., and Concord, Mass., and moved thence to New York City. Mrs. Mary Abbott Curtis Allen died 30 August 1900, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ross, in Westmount, P. Q.



Charles Prentis Allen.

Charles Prentis Allen was a member of St. Paul's P. E. Church in Burlington, and played the flute in the orchestra of that church.

In early life he bought and sailed a schooner on Lake Champlain, the "La Fayette," of which he was Captain. About 1848 he took charge of the wharf and forwarding business at Port Kent, N. Y. That point was the outlet for a large trade to and from Keeseville, Ausable and other interior points; but that traffic ceased upon the completion of the New York & Canada R. R., and Captain Allen then removed to the places of residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ross, viz: in 1863 to Cote St. Paul, P. Q., and in 1895 to Westmount, P. Q., suburbs of Montreal.

The following is from the Burlington, Vt., Daily News of 14 December 1897:

Died at the home of his daughter at Westmount, Montreal, P. Q., 9 December 1897, Charles Prentis Allen. Interment at Port Kent, N. Y. He was for many years in the forwarding business at Port Kent until the building of the New York & Canada Railroad; and he withdrew from active life some years ago. He was a man of marked ability and genial characteristics, and had the esteem of all who knew him. He is well and pleasantly remembered by most of our older people, who will learn of his death with regret.

Children of Charles Prentis and Maria Allin (Sawyer) Allen:

SARAH MARIA ALLEN,¹ born in Burlington, Vt., 20 May 1842; died there 26 July 1842.

CHARLES HEMAN ALLEN,¹ born, in Burlington, 3 Sept. 1844; died there 7 July 1845. J

Children of Charles Prentis and Mary Abbott (Curtis) Allen:

KATE CURTIS ALLEN,¹ born in Port Kent, N. Y., 27 July 1849; married Frank Moore Jaggar.

JULIA MARIA ALLEN,² born, in Port Kent, 27 Jan. 1851; married Donald William Ross.

CHARLES HEMAN ALLEN,² born, in Port Kent, 8 Aug. 1852; died there 23 Aug. 1853.

GEORGE LUCIUS ALLEN,¹ born, in Port Kent, 23 Nov. 1854; died there 11 Aug. 1876.

MARY ABBOTT ALLEN,¹ born, in Port Kent, 15 April 1846; died there 2 Aug. 1857.

JAMES WILLIAM ALLEN,¹ born, in Port Kent, 4 Jan. 1858; died there 27 Sept. 1864.

EDWARD PRENTIS ALLEN,¹ born, in Port Kent, 4 Dec. 1860; died there 2 May 1870.

JOSEPH WILLIAM ALLEN⁶ (*Heman*,⁵ *Enoch*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Edward*,³ *Jr.*, *Edward*¹), born in Milton, Vt., 17 January 1819; died, unmarried, in Richmond, Vermont, 15 March 1861.



Joseph William Allen.

SKETCH OF JOSEPH WILLIAM ALLEN, ESQ.

BY REV. JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE.

From Hemmenway's Vermont Gazetteer (Chittenden County, 1864, page 841.)

Joseph W. Allen, the fifth son of the late Hon. Heman Allen, was born in Milton Vt., on the 17th of Jan. 1819. From his early childhood he was distinguished by a most generous and amiable temper, ever ready to yield his own interests for the benefit or pleasure of others. He graduated at the University of Vermont in August, 1839, and soon after entered upon the study of law. He was admitted to the Chittenden County bar in May, 1843. He practised in Burlington for several years, and then removed his office to Milton, and afterwards to Richmond (Vermont). As a lawyer, his professional knowledge was extensive, profound, accurate. His bearing towards his brethren in the profession was always generous and scrupulously courteous. Though he possessed wit and humor, he seldom used them to the annoyance of an opponent. His pleadings at the bar were without display, simple, earnest, logical. He was always listened to by the court and jury with marked attention. During the last years of his life, in connection with his legal studies and practice, he edited and carried through the press, two important works, viz., "Fell on Guaranty" and "Reeve's Domestic Relations." His death, from congestion of the lungs, occurred at Richmond, March 15, 1861, at the age of 42. At a meeting of the Chittenden County bar, called the day after his death, resolutions were adopted expressive of their appreciation of his character; one of which is as follows: "Resolved, That as a man of scholarly culture, of sound legal knowledge and of a noble generosity, we, his fellows and friends, deeply lament his untimely death." But the character in which his personal friends deplore him most, and which will most frequently recall his memory, is that of the man. They will think how meek and gentle he was, how unpretending and modest, how true and steady in friendship, how generous to his friends, how wise and playful in mirth, how ready to counsel and how willing to oblige. These were the traits of character which drew to him the hearts of all who knew him well.

JAMES HEMAN ALLEN* (*Heman*,⁵ *Enoch*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Edward*,² *Edward*¹) was born in Milton, Vt., 4 June 1824. He entered the University of Vermont in 1840, with the class of 1844, but left college in September 1842, to study law. After practising law for a short time in Winooski, Vt., he and one of the Prentis boys opened a country store in Georgia, Vt. In 1849 he went to California, engaged in mercantile business there, and was on the road to success; but after three years he yielded to the urgent solicitations of his wife's parents to return East. After some unsuccessful business ventures in Montreal, where he was, for a time, a stock broker, he was for several years engaged in the law office of Judge Beck-

with in Chicago. The last few years of his life were spent at the home of his daughter in Prescott, Ont., where he died 18 September 1875. He was married in Trinity Episcopal Church, Montreal, P. Q., 4 January 1849, by Rev. Alex. Digby, to Jane Abigail Merry, born in La Prairie, Canada, 24 September 1829, died, in Montreal, 7 June 1878, the only child of William Andrew Merry. The



Mrs. Jane Abigail (Merry) Allen.



James Heman Allen.

latter was the third son of Daniel and Jane (Patterson) Merry; was born in Donegal, County Roscommon, Ireland, 20 November 1803; married Delia Adelaide Leonard in La Prairie, Canada, 10 November 1828, and died in Montreal, 24 April 1886.

Delia Adelaide Leonard, mother of Mrs. Jane Abigail (Merry) Allen, was born in La Prairie, 16 January 1811, the eldest daughter of Dr. Austin and Abigail (Watson) Leonard, and died, in Montreal, 4 January 1900.

William Andrew Merry was educated at Dublin University. Shortly after graduating he emigrated to Canada, and engaged in a general merchandise business at La Prairie, a town on the St. Lawrence River, near Montreal. About 1828 to 1830 he was captain of a steamboat on the St. Lawrence. He returned to Ireland and engaged in farming. Fourteen years later he again visited Canada and became the General Superintendent of the Lake Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad, which position he held a number of years, and was active in building up the mercantile interests of Montreal. After leaving the railroad he was for a time Manager of a bank in Toronto, Ont. He returned to Montreal and organized the Montreal Building and Loan Association, of which he was Secretary and Manager until his death, and while with this company was considered the best informed man

in Montreal, as to the values of real estate there. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and an active member of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, of which he was at one time President. He was a man of strong physique and hardy constitution. At eighty-one years of age, when ill for a few days, he said it was the first time in sixty years that illness had kept him a day in bed. From time to time, he compiled and published tables of duties, exchange, interest, etc., for use of business men and importers. At the time of his death he had in press a pamphlet showing the growth of imports, exports and general business in Montreal.

Children of James Heman and Jane Abigail (Merry) Allen:

DELLA ADELAIDE ALLEN,⁷ born in Winooski, Vt., 1 March 1850; died in Denver, Colorado, 31 Aug. 1890; married James Hines.

WILLIAM LEONARD ALLEN,⁷ born, in Winooski, 15 May 1851; died in Burlington, Vt., 18 Aug. 1884; married Hattie Frances Truman.

MINA JANE ALLEN,⁷ born in Montreal, P.Q., 23 Feb. 1856; died, in Montreal, 30 Jan. 1886; married Arthur Frederick Salter.

A DAUGHTER,⁷ born 15 Feb. 1858; died same day.

MARY KATHLEEN ALLEN,⁷ born, in Montreal, 20 Dec. 1859; died, unmarried, in Lachute, Canada, 4 Sept. 1886.

CHARLES MERRY ALLEN,⁷ born in Chicago, Ill., 16 July 1861; married Clara Eliza Veasey.



Mary Kathleen Allen.

Seventh Generation.

HEMAN ALLEN⁷ (*George,⁶ Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Edward¹*), born in St. Albans, Vermont, 11 August 1836; died in Chicago, Ill., 27 January 1893; interred at Calvary, Ill. The following sketch is from "A Hundred Years of Music in America," Chicago, 1889, pp. 300-302:



Heman Allen.

In 1840 at the age of four years Mr. Heman Allen gave his first lessons in a curious way, by correcting the incorrect intonations of his uncle who was learning the violoncello as an amusement. He began to take lessons in his seventh year, on the violin and piano, of his father and mother, both exquisite performers on their respective instruments. His mother, a Boston lady, was a grandniece of Gov. John Hancock, and a prominent singer in the Boston Handel and Haydn Society. In Philadelphia, he had the best teachers, Mr. Carl Hupfeld and Mr. Carl Hohnstock. In 1860, having previously graduated with the highest honors at the University of Pennsylvania, he went to Leipzig to complete his musical education. He entered the Conservatory and at the same time took private lessons of Ferdinand David on the violin, Louis Plaidy on the piano, and E. E. Richter in harmony. He returned to America in 1862, and immediately began his long career as violinist, pianist, and teacher of those instruments. At this time he also received valuable instruction on the organ from Mr. A. G. Emerick, the eminent Philadelphia musician. In 1867 he removed to Chicago, where he resided until his death. He was organist of the Cathedral of the Holy Name, with short intermission, from 1867 to 1881. In 1871, before the great fire, he organized a volunteer choir, and introduced the Gregorian and Cæcilian music. In this he was a pioneer in the West, the next Church to follow being the Cathedral at Leavenworth, Mo., in 1876. Ever since his removal to Chicago, he was identified with all the great musical performances which took place in that city. In 1883 he was one of the orchestra which, under the direction of Mr. Theodore Thomas, made the great transcontinental concert tour from ocean to ocean. At the same time he entered heart and soul into the

subject of good ecclesiastical church music, and was invited to read the paper on church music at the Catholic Congress in November 1889. Personally he was of quiet manners, pleasant address and with the instincts of a scholar. His musical compositions were:

Romance de Hohnstock, transcribed pour piano par Heman Allen, Phila.

En Avant March, composed by Jos. Gunzl, arranged for four hands, by Heman Allen, Phila.

Scales for the violin for every day in the week, by Heman Allen, A.M. Lyon & Healy, Chicago, pp. 36.

He also contributed some "analyses" to W. M. Derthick's Manual of Music.

He was married, 8 September 1865, by Rev. Joseph Albinger, to Clara Niles, born in Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., 15 July 1837, died in Chicago, Ill., 1 July 1898, the daughter of Edward and Clarissa (Woodin) Niles of Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y. Prof. George Allen and his whole family had entered the Roman Catholic Church in 1847, and Mrs. Heman Allen followed in 1868.

Children of Heman and Clara (Niles) Allen:

MARY HANCOCK ALLEN,⁸ born in Philadelphia, Pa., 19 July 1867; removed with her parents to Chicago in 1867 where she has since resided; she is a member of the Roman Catholic Church; was educated at Sacred Heart Academy, Chicago, and has written several children's stories for Catholic magazines. She married, 13 June 1896, William Stetson Merrill, who was born in Newton, Mass., 16 Jan. 1866, and is the son of Richard Eastman and Emma Frances (Stetson) Merrill. He prepared at Newton public grammar and high schools for college and was graduated from Harvard, "cum laude," 1888. He was employed in the Harvard College Library, 1884-88; Newberry Library, Chicago, since 1888. He became a member of the Roman Catholic Church in 1894. One son, JOHN HANCOCK MERRILL,⁹ b., in Chicago, 10 Oct. 1900.

BERTHA HARRIET ALLEN,⁸ born in Chicago, 6 July 1869; died, in Chicago, 11 Sept. 1870.

GEORGE ANTHONY ALLEN,⁸ born in Chicago, 20 April 1872; died in Chicago, 5 Oct. 1873.

EDITH ELIZABETH ALLEN,⁸ born in Chicago, 25 Oct. 1873.

GEORGE ALLEN,⁷ JR. (*George,⁶ Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Edward¹*), born in Newark, Del., 22 January 1838; was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1856. He studied law in the office of Hon. Daniel Roberts of Burlington, Vermont, and was admitted to the bar in Burlington in 1861. He practised law in Burlington, Vt., until he removed, in 1862, to Washington, D. C., where he was a clerk in the Treasury Department. In 1870 he made his home in Philadelphia, where he was employed in the office of the Baldwin Locomotive Works until 1882, when his love for music and his attainments as a mu-

sical artist led him to adopt music as a profession, teaching the violin and violoncello. He excelled as a violoncellist, and was leader of the West Philadelphia Amateur Orchestra, first violoncellist Philharmonic Orchestra, Philadelphia, from 1896 to present time (1901), and made a specialty of solos at small concerts. He married, first, in Washington, D. C., 28 July 1862, Maria Augusta Hepburn, born in Georgetown, D. C., 6 June 1838, died in Philadelphia, Pa., 26 January



George Allen, Jr.



Mrs. Priscilla Turner (Holloway) Allen.

1875, the daughter of John Muir and Eliza (Stith) Hepburn of Georgetown. He married second, in Philadelphia, Pa., 12 February 1877, Priscilla Turner Holloway born in Steubenville, Ohio, 10 August 1856, the daughter of Chalkley Turner and Priscilla (Brandenburg) Holloway of Philadelphia, Pa. She is also a teacher of the violin.

Children of George and Maria Augusta (Hepburn) Allen:

ELIZA HEPBURN ALLEN,^{*} born in Georgetown, D. C., 6 Aug. 1863.

GEORGE ALLEN,^{*} born 4 Oct. 1866; died 4 Aug. 1869.

MARY HANCOCK ALLEN,^{*} born 1 Nov. 1868; died 4 June 1869.

ELOISE RUSH ALLEN,^{*} born 20 Nov. 1870; died 1 Dec. 1871.

Children of George and Priscilla Turner (Holloway) Allen, all born in Philadelphia, Pa.:

JOHN HANCOCK ALLEN,^{*} born 27 May 1878; died in Burlington, Vt., 15 Sept. 1885.

PRISCILLA BRANDENBURGH ALLEN,^{*} born 3 Sept. 1880; died in Burlington, Vt., 22 Sept. 1885.

ROYDEN PRENTIS ALLEN,⁸ born 3 Nov. 1882; died in Burlington, Vt., 29 Sept. 1885.

DONALD EDGECUMBE ALLEN,⁸ born 23 Jan. 1887.

KATE CURTIS ALLEN⁷ (*Charles Prentis,⁶ Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Edward¹*) born in Port Kent, N. Y., 27 July 1849; educated at the Burlington



Mrs Kate Curtis (Allen) Jaggar. *Children of Frank Moore and Kate Curtis (Allen) Jaggar:*

FRANK MOORE JAGGAR,⁸ born in Burlington, Ia., 12 July 1876; drowned 13 Aug. 1884.

MARY CURTIS JAGGAR,⁸ born in Burlington, Ia., 26 Aug. 1880.

JULIA MOORE JAGGAR,⁸ born in Burlington, Ia., 14 June 1883.

EMILY ALLEN JAGGAR,⁸ born in Burlington, Ia., 8 Dec. 1885.



Donald Edgumbe Allen.

(Vt.) Female Seminary where she graduated in 1866. She was married, in Port Kent, 9 December 1874, by Rev. Wm. H. Cook of Keeseville, N. Y., to Frank Moore Jaggar of Burlington, Iowa, who died in Burlington, Ia., 10 January 1898. He was the son of Erasmus Darwin and Julia Matilda (Moore) Jaggar of Burlington, Ia. Mrs. Jaggar removed to Chicago in 1898, in order to educate her children there.

JULIA MARIA ALLEN⁷ (*Charles Prentis,⁶ Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Edward¹*), born in Port Kent, N. Y., 27 January 1851; educated at Burlington Female Seminary. She was married, in Port Kent, 5 September 1872, by Rev. Wm. H. Cook, to Donald William Ross of Montreal, P. Q., born in Montreal, 14 September 1848, the son of Donald and Eliza (Buchanan) Ross of Montreal. Their residence is at Westmount, P. Q., a suburb of Montreal. Donald William Ross is a merchant in Montreal; senior member of the firm of Ross Hall & Co., Montreal, and Hall Ross & Co., Victoria, British Columbia, now D. W. Ross Company, Montreal. He is Managing Director of the Mount Royal Milling and Mfg. Co., Ltd., and Vice President of the Charlemagne Lumber Co., Ltd., both of Montreal. He is a member of the Anglican Church, St. Matthias Parish, Westmount, Delegate to Provincial Synod and for many years teacher in Sabbath School and

Bible class Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. Also Alderman of Westmount; Councillor of St. Paul, Province of Quebec; Trustee of Public Library, Westmount; President Montreal Young Men's Christian Association; for many years



Mrs. Julia Maria (Allen) Ross.

Director and Chairman of Finance Committee, and member of Building Committee; President Heather Curling Club, Westmount; Governor of Montreal General Hospital; Director Western Hospital, and member of Board of Management of Church Home. He was a member of the Victoria Volunteer Rifle Regiment of Montreal, Sergeant in same, and holds discharge for nine years service, and silver medal for active service. His father served with the government forces during the suppression of the Canadian Rebellion of 1837-8, and his paternal grandfather was at the Battle of Culloden, Scotland.

Children of Donald William and Julia Maria (Allen) Ross, born in Montreal:

DONALD WILLIAM ROSS,⁸ born 26 Jan. 1874.

CHARLES ALLEN ROSS,⁸ born 4 Aug. 1875; died in Montreal, Nov. 1875.

ROBERT BALDWIN ROSS,⁸ born 18 Dec. 1876.

GEORGE ALLEN ROSS,⁸ born 24 Oct. 1878.

MARY ROSS,⁸ born 22 July 1880.

HELEN ELIZA ROSS,⁸ born 9 Feb. 1884; died in Montreal, 10 July 1885.

JAMES WILLIAMSON ROSS,⁸ born 17 Jan. 1888.

KENNETH IAN ROSS,⁸ born 13 Feb. 1892.



Mrs. Delia Adelaide (Allen) Hines.

DELIA ADELAIDE ALLEN⁷ (*James Heman,⁶ Heman,⁵ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,² Edward¹*), born in Winooski, Vermont, 1 March 1850; died in Denver, Colorado, 31 August 1890; married, in Trinity Episcopal Church, in Montreal, P. Q., 10 November 1869, by Rev. J. P. Du Moulin, to James Hines, born in Manchester, England, 1 December 1835, the son of Mark and Maria (Bramall) Hines. James Hines was associated with his brother in the manufacture of

woollens. He emigrated to Canada and was for many years in the employ of a wholesale dry-goods firm. He opened a dry-goods store in Prescott, Ont., in 1871. He failed in business in 1880. He was then a salesman for several years, and in 1887 started a store in Toronto, Ont., but was unsuccessful. He was

Cashier for the Toronto Daily "Mail" for eight years before his death, which occurred in Toronto, 23 October 1897.

Children of James and Delia Adelaide (Allen) Hines:

JAMES HEMAN ALLEN HINES,⁸ born, in Montreal, 27 Aug. 1870.

HELEN LLOYD HINES,⁸ born, in Prescott, 25 July 1873.

WILLIAM ANDREW MERRY HINES,⁸ born, in Prescott, 21 Jan. 1875; died, in Toronto, 8 April 1893.

LEWIS LLOYD HINES,⁸ born, in Prescott, 15 Jan. 1876.

AUSTIN LEONARD HINES,⁸ born, in Prescott, 26 April 1878; died in Brockville, Ont., 24 May 1882.

ERNEST ROBINS HINES,⁸ born, in Prescott, 24 March 1880.

ALFRED HINES,⁸ born in Brockville, Ont., 17 May 1883.

WILLIAM LEONARD ALLEN⁷ (*James Heman,⁸ Heman,⁸ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,³ Edward,³ Edward¹*) born in Winooski, Vt., 15 May 1851; died in Burlington, Vt.,



William Leonard Allen.

18 August 1884. His boyhood was spent in Montreal except a short period when he attended school at Sarnia, Ont. At eighteen years he learned the trade of printer, and shortly after went to Chicago, where he worked on the leading daily papers and was there at the time of the great fire; but trouble with his eyes obliged him to give up this work. In 1873 he returned to Montreal, and went into the office of the Montreal Building and Loan Association, as assistant to his grandfather, W. A. Merry, where he remained until 1879, when he entered the service of the Grand Trunk Railway, and was transferred by that Company to their office in Buffalo, N. Y. While stationed there he was married, in Memorial Church, London,

Ont., 28 July 1880, by Rev. Dr. Richardson to Hattie Frances Truman, eldest daughter of Capt. James and Delia Augusta (Proctor) Truman of Burlington, Vt. Capt. Truman had commanded vessels on Lake Champlain. Mrs. Allen married, second, Dr. Charles D. Mandeville of Newark, N. J., and died in Newark, 5 June 1903.

The sudden death at noon yesterday at Asbury Park of Mrs. Hattie Truman Mandeville, wife of Dr. C. D. Mandeville of Newark, N. J., came as a great shock to her father, Capt. James Truman of this city, and family, as a letter received yesterday morning stated that she was much improved.

Mrs. Mandeville had been troubled with a severe liver complaint for some years and suffered many painful attacks, which, of late, had become more frequent. She went to Asbury Park hoping to gain strength.

Mrs. Mandeville was born in Burlington April 9, 1856. In 1880 she was married to William Allen of Montreal, and after his death became the bride of Dr. Charles Mandeville. She is survived by her parents, a husband, two daughters, Miss Kathleen and Miss Delia Allen, and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Clapp and Miss Bessie Truman.

The body will arrive in this city Monday and the funeral will be held at the Truman home on lower St. Paul street, Monday, at 3 o'clock.

Burlington Daily News, June 6, 1903.

In 1881 William Leonard Allen removed to Burlington, Vt., where he resided until his death. He was employed there in the office of the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company and afterwards, and at the time of his death, in the office of the Baldwin Refrigerator Co. He was very genial, greatly enjoyed social life, had a fine baritone voice, was fond of musical society, and sang frequently in public concerts and at private entertainments. He gave much attention to athletics, engaging in sports of amateurs; was a noted lacrosse player, and won many prizes in foot races for amateurs. He was a member of Montreal La Crosse and Snowshoe Clubs, and other amateur athletic organizations. About 1871 he was one of the members of the Montreal La Crosse team selected to play the Knickerbocker Club of New York. In 1876 he played on the first and second teams of the Montreal La Crosse Club; and in 1877 and 1878 on the second team. He won the championship for the one mile foot race on the Montreal La Crosse grounds, 6 October 1877, the time being 5 minutes 3 seconds. There were five starters.

Children of William Leonard and Hattie Frances (Truman) Allen:

KATHLEEN FRANCES ALLEN,⁸ born 17 Oct. 1881.

DELIA WILLMINA ALLEN,⁸ born in Burlington, Vt., 28 July 1884.



Mrs. Mina Jane (Allen) Salter.

MINA JANE ALLEN⁷ (*James Heman*,⁶ *Heman*,⁵ *Enoch*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Edward*,² *Edward*¹), born in Montreal, P. Q., 23 February 1856; died, in Montreal, 30 January 1886. She was married in St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Montreal, 20 April 1878, by Rev. J. P. Du Moulin, to Arthur Frederick Salter, born in London, Ont., 5 June 1849, the son of Dr. John and Annie (Wright) Salter. He was educated in London, Ont., and removed to Montreal, P. Q., about 1872, where he

was a clerk with a wholesale druggist and studied pharmacy. He graduated as a dispensary chemist, and during the years 1880 and 1881 he was in business as chemist and druggist in London, Ont. He returned to Montreal to enter the

service of Lyman Sons and Co., wholesale druggists, with whom he has since remained.

Children of Arthur Frederick and Mina Jane (Allen) Salter:

KATHLEEN ALICE SALTER,⁸ born in London, Ont., 6 March 1881.

GILBERT ARTHUR SALTER,⁸ born, in Montreal, 16 June 1882; died, in Montreal, 12 Jan. 1887.

NAOMI A. SALTER,⁸ born, in Montreal, 9 July 1884.

CHARLES MERRY ALLEN⁷ (*James Heman,⁸ Heman,⁸ Enoch,⁴ Samuel,⁸ Edward,⁸ Edward¹*), born in Chicago, Ill., 16 July 1861; married in Wesley M. E. Chapel, Denver, Colorado, 20 January 1898, by Rev. Geo. R. Graff, to Clara Eliza Veazey, born in Rushford, N. Y., 26 December 1876, the daughter of Louis Osgood and Clara Belle (Adams) Veazey of Denver, Colorado. Charles Merry Allen spent his early life in Montreal, P. Q. He began work at an early age, first as an office boy. He was for several years bookkeeper and cashier in the office of Thos. Davidson and Co., tinware manufacturers. Ill health led to his resigning this work in 1887 that he might seek restoration of health in California, whence he removed after a few months to Denver, Colo., where he was engaged as a bookkeeper, and where he remained until 1898. He spent two years in Kansas City, in the employ, as an accountant, of the Kansas City branch of D. Appleton and Co., publishers; he returned to Denver in 1900. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Charles Merry Allen.

Child of Charles Merry and Clara Eliza (Veazey) Allen:

JAMES HEMAN ALLEN,⁸ born in Denver, Colo., 20 April 1901.

Appendix 2.

The line of descent of Elizabeth Bixby who married Joel Converse⁵ (29) was as follows:

- I. JOSEPH BIXBY.
- II. BENJAMIN BIXBY.
- III. SAMUEL BIXBY.
- IV. JONATHAN BIXBY.
- V. ELIZABETH BIXBY.

Birby Family.

JOSEPH BIXBY¹ came from England about 1637; lived in Ipswich, Mass., until 1660; whence he moved to a settlement in the town of Rowley, Mass., known as Rowley Village, but afterwards incorporated as the town of Boxford, Mass. In 1685, Joseph Bixby's name appears upon the petition for the incorporation of the town, signed by the five principal settlers. This account of him comes largely from Perley's History of Boxford, which frequently mentions him, and says that he was one of the leading men of the village. Reference is made therein to the purchase by him and five others of 3000 acres of land; and another purchase by him with three others of 800 acres. He was a stockholder in the iron works established at Lynn in 1644 by a London syndicate represented by John Winthrop, Jr. He was one of the Selectmen of Boxford. About 1682 he was one of a committee to go to Cambridge to "pilot to Topsfield" the Rev. Joseph Capen the newly appointed minister. In 1685 and 1689 he was one of the boundaries committee. In 1691 he was one of the tithing men. In 1698-1699 he was one of the committee for the completion of the meeting house. He was styled "Sergeant" and was a member of the Rowley Train Band. In King Philip's War (1675-1676) he served in Capt. Samuel Brocklebank's company. Because he had been posted, with a few others, to guard the garrison house at Marlborough he escaped the terrible fate of Capt. Brocklebank and many of his comrades in the fight at Sudbury.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

Vol. 68: 68.

To the Honnored Goveroner and Counsell.

This may Certefie that we have Impresed Twellve men according to our warrent and have given them charge to fit themselves well with warme cloathing and we hope they will and doe indever to fixe themselfes as well as they can only some of them are men that are but lately come to towne and want armes the which to provide for them we must prese other mens armes which is very greavious (except

they can be provided for upon the Country account: which would be very acceptable if it could be

The Names of the men are

JOSEPH BIXBIE

Dated Rowley 29th of November 1675, by me Samuell Brocklebanke Capt.

Vol. 68: 96.

Lists of Soldiers under Major Appleton (1675):

JOSEPH BIGSBY

Vol. 68: 99.

A list of the names of ye Souldiers Returned as Impressed for ye Service of the Country out of Essex—(1675):

from Rowley,

JOSEPH BIXBIE.

Vol. 107: 18.

At a Towne meeting hild in boxford the 20th of may '89 the townen have Chosen 5 or 6 asistanc to Joyen with the oueld government according to Chartor rites Chosen in may 1686 and then Sworen to bee the government of this Coleny also mr waight wintrup to be the Maiger genarall of this year in seuing also the Townen have Chosen John Pebody to bee a representetive for the Townen and to Carey our votes to boston our miends being in boston all redy for reasuming of government.

JOSEPH BIXBE in the
behalf of the Townen.

Vol. 107: 142.

This may informe the Honored Governer and asistenc and representatives or the Sevueral Touns of this Colony that we who are the souldiers of Boxford having reseved orders for the nominasyon of officers whare thare is wanting and our former offiser SARGENT BIGSBEE by name being altogether disinabled by reson of age and infirmytyes of Body that we are wholly destytute, whaerfore according to orders we reseved from your honers, we have by a unanimous voyce nomonnated Ens. John Peabody to be our Lieuetennent and John Perley to be our Ensigne: Humbly in treating the Honored Courte to Establish them by Commitions in thare places as above mentioned thay being knowen men and of good account.

SARGANT JOSEPH BYXBE.

dat the 24th of June, 1689.

SAMUEL SYMONDS: CLARK
JOHN CHADWICK

In the name of the foot souldiers of Boxford.

Boston, 27th June, '89.

The Governor and Council do allow and confirme the above nomination of Officers in the respective places unto which they are appointed.

ISA. ADDINGTON, SEC'RY.

Consented to allowed & Confirmed by the Representatives, the above written Nomination officers In Boxford in there Respective places unto which they are appointed.

Dated as above sd.

ATTEST, EBENEZER POUT, CLERK.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

BOSTON, APRIL 10TH, 1900.

I certify the foregoing citations to be true abstracts from the Massachusetts Archives deposited in this office.

(SEAL)

WITNESS the Seal of the Commonwealth.

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

Gage's History of Rowley also includes a record of Joseph Bixby's military service in 1675-1676 (pp. 181 to 190); his petition with four others to the General Court for the incorporation of the town (pp. 365, 366); and his purchase in conjunction with Francis Peabody, Abraham Reddington, and William Foster of 80 acres bounded north by land of Dorman, Cummins and Stiles, west by the Andover line, south by Wade's brook, etc., and east by various lots of land (p. 359). In that history his name appears first upon a committee in behalf of the Village of Rowley in a boundary agreement, 7 July 1685, between the Village of Rowley and the town of Rowley (pp. 367, 368).

Joseph Bixby made a marriage agreement on the 15th of the 10th month 1647 with the young widow of Luke Heard of Salisbury, who died in 1645 leaving two sons, John and Edmund under thirteen. Mr. and Mrs. Heard had also lived in Ipswich. Mr. Heard was young when his death occurred. His widow's maiden name was Sarah Wyatt. At the time of her marriage with Mr. Bixby her parents were both living, and her mother was owning land in Assington, Suffolk Co., England. Joseph Bixby died 19 April 1700, being aged. His will was made 11 November 1699, and proved 6 March 1703-4. His widow died 3 June 1704, aged 84.

"Joseph and Sarah Bixby were noted people for those days, and the Bixbys have always been remarkable for great energy, force and moral purity." The name "Bixby" is of Danish origin, but the family came from England.

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Wyatt Heard) Bixby:

JOSEPH BIXBY,² born in Ipswich, Mass., 1649; married, 29 March 1682, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Baker) Gould of Topsfield, and granddaughter of Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield, formerly of Hemel Hempsted and Missenden, England.

Joseph Bixby² was Selectman of Boxford, a member of the Boxford Church, and one of the Church Committee appointed to settle differences with the Topsfield Church in regard to the ordination of the minister of the Church in Boxford. His descendants settled in Hopkinton, Mass. He was also a soldier in King Philip's War under Maj. Appleton, for which service his son John received a grant of land.

DANIEL BIXBY,² born, in Ipswich, 1651; married Hannah Chandler of Andover 2 Dec. 1674; will, proved 1 July 1717, named wife Hannah, and children Joseph, Thomas, David, Mephibosheth, Mary, Hannah, and daughter-in-law, Rachel; wife and son Joseph, executors; lived in Andover, Mass. He was the ancestor of Dr. Bixby of Ludlow, Vt., and Dr. Bixby of Poultney, Vt., brothers, who were surgeons in the Civil War; and also ancestor of Maj. A. H. Bixby of Frankestown, N. H., a gallant officer of the Civil War. Daniel Bixby²'s grandson, Samuel Bixby⁴ (born, Andover, 31 Aug. 1716, son of Mephibosheth³), rendered military service in 1759 in the French and Indian War. Mephibosheth³ also had son Daniel⁴ who had son Jonathan⁵ of whom the only record is that he was born 15 Dec. 1744, married 1 June 1768, Esther Gale of Weston, and settled in Winchendon.

✓ BENJAMIN BIXBY,² born, in Ipswich, in 1653; married Mary —; lived in Topsfield; progenitor of Elizabeth Bixby, 2nd wife of Joel Converse.

SARAH BIXBY,² born, in Ipswich, in 1655; died 18 Jan. 1657.

NATHANIEL BIXBY,² born, in Ipswich, in 1657; died 11 July 1658.

MARY BIXBY,² born, in Ipswich, 18 Feb. 1659; married — Stone.

GEORGE BIXBY,² born in Rowley; his descendants have lived in Boxford, Mass., to the present day.

JONATHAN BIXBY,² born in Rowley; married Sarah Smith of Topsfield 2 Feb. 1692-3; lived in Boxford and his descendants resided there for many years; will, proved 20 May 1717, names wife, children Jonathan, Lydia Page, and minor children Nathaniel, Ruth, Mary, Susannah, Rebecca, and Elias. He was one of the selectmen of Boxford. Perley's History of Boxford mentions his request for dismissal from the Topsfield Church in order to join with others in forming the first church in Boxford. Among his descendants were Gov. Farnham of Vermont and Col. P. P. Bixby who was a gallant officer of the Civil War and died in Concord, N. H. Jonathan and Sarah (Smith) Bixby had son Jonathan, Jr., born 1696, married, 1735, Ruth Fuller of Middleton, and died, in Middleton, 1780-1. Jonathan and Ruth (Fuller) Bixby had 14 children including Jonathan and Nathaniel. The latter was a soldier in 1756, when he was aged 20, and it is said was wounded, and that his uncle Elias of Sheffield journeyed to Albany to look after him.

ABIGAIL BIXBY,² born in Rowley.

BENJAMIN BIXBY² (*Joseph*¹) born in Ipswich in 1653; married Mary —; lived in Topsfield, Mass.; his children were Benjamin, Jr., Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, ✓ George, Nathan, Elizabeth, Jacob, Jemima and Richard as follows:

BENJAMIN BIXBY,³ JR., born 26 Nov. 1678; settled in Killingly, Conn.; died 1 Dec. 1744. Miss Larned's History of Windham County, Conn., says he was the first resident

of that part of Thompson Parish in Killingly known as "Brandy Hill," and contains an account of his wife being shot and severely wounded by a drunken Indian. He was one of the five leading men of the North Parish of Killingly at the time of its organization as Thompson Parish in 1728, and was appointed to represent the Parish in the negotiations with Killingly for the formation of the new township. He was one of the original twenty-eight signers of the covenant in the formation of the new church of Thompson Parish, was prominent in the formation of the new church, assisted in building the meeting house, and in 1730 was chosen Deacon. At the first town meeting in Thompson Parish, 25 Nov. 1728, he was chosen one of the four townsmen. Miss Larned also says that when he removed to Killingly in 1718 he brought with him an apple tree which furnished that region with early apples for one and a half centuries. It was always known as "the Bixby apple" — a very pleasant juicy apple. His farm is now (1901) occupied by Mr. Mark Davis, brother of Gen. George Davis, first U. S. Acting Governor of Porto Rico.

JOSHUA BIXBY,³ married, 2 April 1714, Mary Davis.

CALEB BIXBY,³ probably a son of Benjamin³ and Mary.

SAMUEL BIXBY,³ baptized 2 June 1689; married Martha Underwood; ancestor of Elizabeth (or Eliza) Bixby who married Joel Converse,⁴ settled in Sutton, Mass.

GEORGE BIXBY,³ born 31 Jan. 1692; ancestor of Rev. M. H. Bixby, D.D., of Providence, R. I., and of Mrs. Johnson of Providence, wife of Rev. T. Johnson, M.D.

✓ NATHAN BIXBY,³ born 4 Nov. 1694; settled in Killingly, Conn.; ancestor of George Bixby, editor of Plattsburg (N. Y.) Republican; also ancestor of Rev. Newell W. Bixby, a noted Free Will Baptist clergyman of Iowa, who was 90 years old 18 Jan. 1899. Nathan's son, Solomon,⁴ was born, in Boxford, 26 Oct. 1732, died in Stafford, Conn., His tombstone bears this inscription, "In memory of Mr. Solomon Bixby who died January 27th 1813. He was a firm supporter of the Christian religion, and a friend of his country, and of mankind." It has been said that he was a soldier in the American Army in the Revolutionary War, and that a "friend of his country" refers to that service. Was he the Solomon Bixby who served 1 May 1781 to 31 Dec. 1781 in Capt. Zebulon Butler's Co., in 4th regiment Conn. Line? Nathan's grandsons, Aaron⁴ and Jesse⁴ (sons of Nathan⁴) both served in the American Army in the Revolutionary War. The former enlisted 8 Jan. 1778 in Capt. Williams' Co., Col. Johnson's regiment of Connecticut; and Jesse in Capt. Green's Co., 11th regiment militia of Connecticut and was at New York in 1776. Nathan Bixby, Jr., was a soldier in the French and Indian War, 1756 (Larned's History of Windham Co., Conn., Vol. 1, p. 567).

ELIZABETH BIXBY,³ born 10 Nov. 1697.

JACOB BIXBY,³ born 29 April 1700; settled in Killingly, Conn.; married Elizabeth Jewett. His son Samuel⁴ was born in Thompson, Conn., 5 May 1767, married, 28 Feb. 1788 Esther Ellithorpe; removed to Bridport, Vt., in 1794. Among their children were Sally Bixby⁴ who married Jacen Converse⁷ of Bridport, and Jacob Bixby,⁴ father of C. C. Bixby⁴ of Brockton, Mass.

JEMIMA BIXBY,³ born 26 Jan. 1702.

RICHARD BIXBY,³ mentioned in Larned's History of Windham County, Conn., as building with others a pew for themselves in Thompson Parish Church about 1739.

SAMUEL BIXBY³ (Benjamin,² Joseph¹), baptized 2 June 1689; settled in Sutton, Mass., North Parish (now Millbury, Mass.) about 1716. Benedict's

History of Sutton has record of him and his children (p. 590), where the name is spelled "Bixbee," and says that his was one of the original thirty families and that his name is entered as a settler on lot number four of the eight lots.

The Killingly Church records give the marriage of Samuel Bixby and Martha Underwood, 14 May 1718.

The New England Hist. and Gen. Register, Vol. 38, p. 402, gives date of birth of Martha Underwood⁴ as 30 June 1689. Her line of descent was Thomas,² Joseph,¹ as follows:

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD,¹ born, in Hingham, 1637; freeman, Watertown, 1645; married, first, 13 Feb. 1658, Mary Ward; married, second, in Dorchester, Mass., 29 April 1665 (Barry says 1662), Mary How of Dorchester; probably from London. Bond's Watertown says Joseph was a proprietor at Hingham 1637, and afterwards of Watertown; that his brother, Thomas, represented Hingham 1636 and 1648, moved to Watertown where he was selectman 1656, and in his will left his nephew, Thomas (son of Joseph), then living with him, all his real estate except ten acres. Morse's Sherborn says Joseph died in Watertown 16 (12) 1676, aged 62 and that in 1666 Mary How was dismissed from the church in Dorchester to the church in Watertown.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD,² of Cambridge; born 11-8-1658; heir to his uncle; sells land 1694, 1697; married, 19 Nov. 1679, Mary Palmer. Searches by Mr. Eben Putnam, genealogist, correct a previous misapprehension as to the identity of a Thomas Underwood who was the second husband of Mrs. Magdalen Underwood, widow of still another Thomas Underwood. The results of Mr. Putnam's investigations are therefore included here and are as follows:

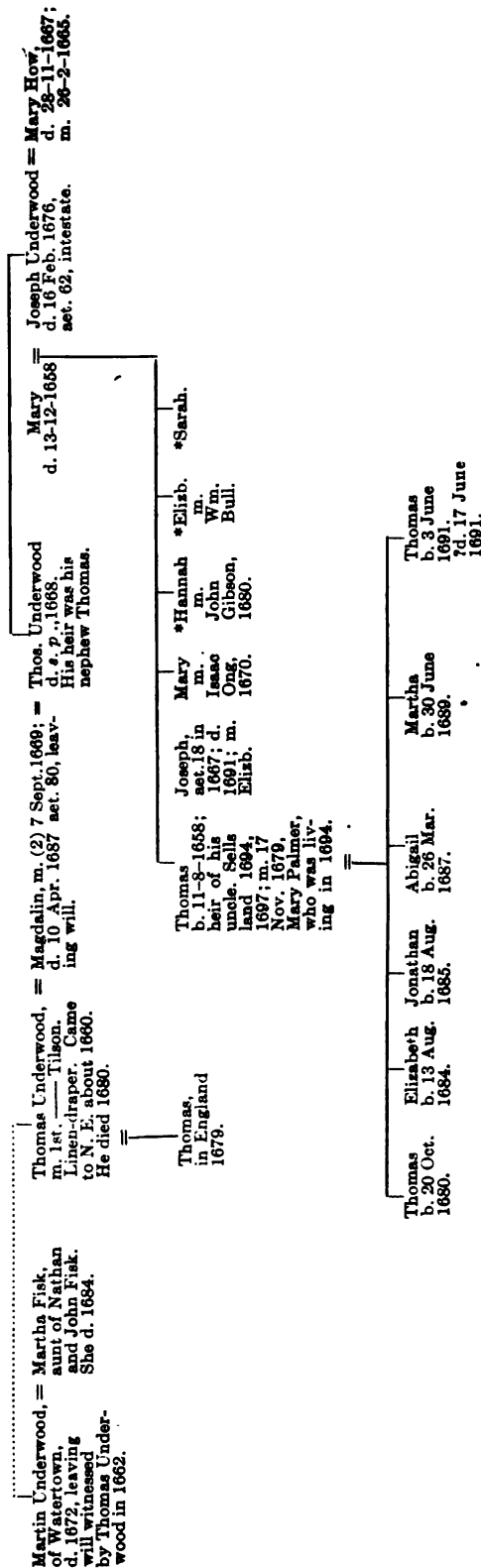
Mary Howe who married Joseph Underwood at Dorchester, 26 April 1665, was his second wife. She died, in Watertown, 28 Jan. 1667-8, and may be that Mary who testified in a Concord case in 1666, when she was aged 47 years.

Joseph Underwood was a brother of Thomas Underwood, Sr., of Watertown, who settled there in 1651, whither he was followed by Joseph in 1654. Joseph's first wife Mary, died 13 March 1658-9, four months after the birth of her son, Thomas, who became his uncle Thomas' heir.

Thomas Underwood, son of Joseph, was the third of that name in Watertown. In the will of his uncle, dated 15-12-1667 and proved 7 April 1668, he is called "son of my brother Joseph, now living with me." He is to have and enjoy as his proper inheritance the home-stall, house, barn, and all lands except the lot bought of Charles Stearns. "But if he proves stubborn or rebellious against his aunt, my wife," then she has power to disinherit him.

The aunt, Magdalen, married again, 7 Sept. 1669, a second Thomas Underwood who died in 1680, leaving a will in which he names his son Thomas in England. This Thomas of Watertown is probably he whom Robert Atkins in his letter to John Leverett

UNDERWOOD OF WATERTOWN



The above pedigree is entirely from contemporaneous records and each item is proven by the record, except where queried.

* Possibly these by second wife.

(dated 1672) from Boston, old England, mentions as having been a linen draper and some ten or twelve years since gone to New England where he married again. His first wife was a Tilson. He was probably a relative of Martin Underwood of Watertown whose wife was Martha Fiske.

Magdalen Underwood died 10 April 1687, aet. 80, and in her will names her kinsman, Thomas Underwood.

Thomas Underwood, third, son of Joseph and his first wife, Mary, born 11-8-1658 married, in Watertown, Mary Palmer who was living in 1694, when she appears in a deed of her husband to Nathan Fisk. Perhaps she was dead in 1697, as that year Thomas Underwood sells land without his wife appearing. Their son, Thomas Underwood, was probably that Thomas who died 17 June 1691.

Bond and Savage, in recording the early members of this family, failed to discover the existence of the second Thomas Underwood, and in consequence attempted in vain to harmonize the various records. Pope ignores the will of the elder Thomas and confounds the two husbands of Magdalen, making them one and the same.

Barry's History of Framingham, Mass., says that Samuel Bixby died in Sutton about 1743. Benedict's History of Sutton, which gives his children as below, says that "Samuel Bixbee was one of the original thirty families, and his name is entered as a settler on lot No. 4 of the 8 lots." In 1717, 4960 acres of land in Sutton were granted him and 29 others, and in 1728 his name appears as one of the original members of the first Congregational Church of Sutton.

NOTES BY EBEN PUTNAM ON SAMUEL BIXBY OF SUTTON.

Samuel Bexbe sold to Jonathan Stockwell of Sutton, yeoman, one and a quarter acres of land in Rams Horn meadow, Sutton, 25 Feb. 1728-9. Wife Martha. Both acknowledge, 13 April 1732. Worcester Deeds, III, 230. (Stockwell also buys, same date, one and a quarter acre in the same meadow from Caleb Bixby and wife Sarah.)

Samuel Bixby of Sutton, died intestate. Administration granted 13 May 1741, to Benjamin Bixby of Killingly, who presented an inventory dated 30 April 1741, "as it was shown to us (*i. e.* the appraisers) by Beniaman Bixby of Killingly, brother to Samuel Bixby, deceased." Total £635.

"Order of Court 27 April, 1741, at request of Mr. Benjamin Bixby of Killingly, Conn., elder brother of Samuel Bixby, late of Sutton, deceased, his widow being dead and no children of age, etc."

Power of attorney of Benjamin Bixby, administrator, to his son John Bixby of Killingly to settle accounts with the probate court, 7 Jan. 1742-3. At this time there were four children. Samuel Bixby receipts for self, and John Stockwell as guardian for Jonathan Bixby.

11 May 1743, Samuel Bixby mortgages to John Stockwell and Nathaniel Waters 40 acres in Sutton, late my honored father's, the grantees having become sureties in £300 for said Samuel for the payment of £19 each to the brothers of said Sam-

uel, viz. Jonathan, Solomon, and Sampson. Released 29 April 1745. Worcester Deeds, 17, 316.

There is on Suffolk Deeds, 34: 189, a record of deed, dated 20 Feb. 1718-19, from Samuel Bixby of Sutton, husbandman, to John Stockwell of Sutton, husbandman, of $\frac{1}{30}$ part of the 4000 acres called the "Settlers' Lands" except 30 forty acre lots already laid out. Acknowledged at Oxford, 14 March 1719-20.

The following is from Worcester Probate:

Sampson Bixby, aet. about 9, son of Samuel, guardianship to Benjamin Bixby of Killingly, 13 May 1741.

Sampson Bixby of Barre, receipt to Rufus Bixby by David and Sarah Smith, Samuel Bixby, Polly Bixby and Samuel Bullard, guardian for three heirs for their shares in estate of said Sampson Bixby, 3 October 1793. Administration on his estate was granted 7 March 1789 to widow Mary. Inventory 21 April 1789. Jonathan Bixby, minor son of Sampson Bixby of Barre, deceased, over 14, chooses as guardian Samuel Bullard of Barre, 1 April 1793. Patty, sister of above, aet. 11, in 1793.

The eight children of Samuel Bixby were Martha, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jr., Jacob, Benjamin, Jonathan, Solomon and Sampson as follows:

MARTHA BIXBY,⁴ born, 24 March 1719, in Sutton.

ELIZABETH BIXBY,⁴ born 30 June 1720.

SAMUEL BIXBY,⁴ born in Sutton, Mass., 9 Sept. 1721; first male white child born in Sutton; married, 1st, 13 March 1751, Lydia, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Fuller) Bond of Weston, Mass., who was a descendant of Jonas and Rose Bond of Bury St. Edmunds, Co. Suffolk, England. She died 12 March 1776, and he married, 2nd, 15 Feb. 1781, Mrs. Rebecca Bartlett. He married, 3rd, 28 June 1789, Mrs. Hulda Towne, who died 4 Feb. 1843, aged 104 years. He enlisted, 1 May 1775, in Capt. Isaac Bolster's Co. He died 3 March 1809. His children were Betsey,⁵ Lydia,⁵ Samuel,⁵ Sarah,⁵ Sampson,⁵ Solomon,⁵ Esther,⁵ Anna,⁵ Molly,⁵ John,⁵ Simon,⁵ and David.⁵ His will, 30 Sept. 1796, proved 2 May 1809, names wife; daughter Lydia Park, daughter Sarah, unmarried; son Sampson; son Solomon, 300 acres in township on the Androscoggin, Me.; daughter Esther, unmarried; daughter Anna Jacobs; daughter Molly, unmarried; son John; son David, under 21, to live with Samuel; son Samuel all real estate.

JACOB BIXBY,⁴ born 22 Jan. 1723; died young.

BENJAMIN BIXBY,⁴ born 17 April 1726.

JONATHAN BIXBY,⁴ born 29 Sept. 1728.

SOLOMON BIXBY⁴ (twin), born, in Sutton, 3 March 1731; married, in Barre, Mass., 3 April 1755, Esther Clark. Had Esther,⁵ Sarah,⁵ Solomon,⁵ Asa,⁵ Betty,⁵ Lydia,⁵ Joel,⁵ Kate,⁵ Molly,⁵ Hadassah.⁵

SAMPSON BIXBY⁴ (twin), born, in Sutton, 3 March 1731; married, 1 Dec. 1761, by Rev. Thomas Frink, Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Bullard of Barre, Mass. He removed to Barre in 1750. He enlisted, 21 Aug. 1777, probably as a musician,

in Capt. Benjamin Nye's Co., Col. Nathan Sparhawk's regiment. He died 2 April 1793. Had Sarah,¹ Samuel,² Mary,³ Rufus,⁴ Salmon,⁵ Jonathan,⁶ Patty.⁷

JONATHAN BIXBY⁴ (*Samuel,² Benjamin,³ Joseph¹*), born in Sutton, Mass., 29 September 1728; married Eliza ——. He removed to Killingly, Conn., where he lived in what is now the town of Thompson, Conn., which was then known as "the Thompson Parish," and was set off from Killingly in 1785, and then incorporated as a town.

The baptisms of several of his children were recorded by Rev. Noadiah Russell. Miss Ellen D. Larned, the historian of Windham County, Connecticut, searched Thompson, Killingly and Pomfret records, for information concerning Jonathan Bixby, and she reports that the only information revealed thereby is a land purchase by him in 1759, which appears from an incidental reference in school assignment record in Killingly land deeds; that he had "tan vats," but not much land; that his land purchase was in connection with Canterbury, Conn., men who removed to Columbia County, N. Y.; and that the names of some of those Canterbury men, with whom he was connected in the purchase of land, appear in the company of soldiers in the Revolutionary War for which return of service was made from Nobel Town, as appears in the following certificate:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, DEC. 12, 1899.

This is to certify that

JONATHAN BIXBY

Served in the war of the Revolution, and the following is said service according to the records of this office. On page 619 "Conn. Men in the Revolution," appears the following: Captain Jonathan Bixby, Time of service 31 days.

"Nobel Town, 18 Day, 1776, Return of Capt. Bixby Company in the Continental Searvis" "from miscellaneous rolls"

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto, the seal of this office.

WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Asst. Adj. General.

Mr. Eben Putnam has supplied the following notes on Nobletown, now Hillsdale, Columbia County, N. Y., and on Jonathan Bixby of Killingly and Charlton.

Massachusetts claimed to possess jurisdiction to within twelve miles of the Hudson River, and to have rights to lands even more extensive. In 1754 commissioners were appointed to sell lands west of Sheffield and Stockbridge.

In 1755, lands constituting the township of Nobletown were sold to the settlers there, and about the same time Stockbridge was bought of the Indians. In 1767 the trouble over the boundary developed bloodshed. In 1773 commissioners were appointed by both colonies to adjust the boundary. This matter was taken up again in 1786.

Nobletown was attached to Hampshire county, and in the Revolution her soldiers were counted as part of the Berkshire county regiments. See Mass. Archives, Vol. 56, fo. 51 *et seq.* While there were many Dutch settlers in those parts, the dominating element was from New England.

It is clear that the inhabitants looked to both governments. Sir William Johnson, Indian Agent, writing to the Earl of Shelburne, 15 Jan. 1767, alludes to the many complaints of the Stockbridge Indians; among the most recent that Nobletown "which falling within this Province (*i. e.* New York), and claimed by the great patent of Ranslear, have been deprived of." N. Y. Col. Doc. VII, 892.

In Vol. 28, fo. 157, N. Y. Land Papers, is a petition of the principal inhabitants of Nobletown and Spencertown, Albany Co., praying that no alteration be made in militia appointments, as applied for by John Van Ranselaer, etc., 1771.

Vol. 33, fo. 109, do. Petition from Nobletown and Spencertown, Albany County, that in obedience to an order of the Governor in Council, 21 April, 1773, they present a map of the township and ask that the encroachments of John Van Ranselaer be prevented.

In spite of this apparent jurisdiction over the territory by New York there are no rolls of soldiers or mention of the town in the list of Albany County militia in the Revolution, while there are abundant records of service by Nobletown men in Massachusetts regiments.

There is no mention of Jonathan Bixby in New York or Massachusetts archives in connection with Nobletown.

The location of Nobletown is on the border of New York and Massachusetts, close by the old Connecticut line.

The term of service of the Nobletown company nearly coincided with that of the 8th Conn. regiment of militia, which was from the vicinity of New London, and was called out to join the Continental army at New York.

In the History of Boxford it is said that some of the Bixbys settled in the western part of the state, one, Elias, at Sheffield which bordered on Nobletown. A search of the Sheffield records reveals only a Moses Bixby, as follows: "Moses son of Moses and Doley Bixby born in Sheffield in the year 1784 (signed) Moses Bixby."

The only record of the name of Bixby in the records of the Great Barrington Episcopal Church (which parish included Nobletown) is the following: "Married at Nobletown Abel Whaler, Lydia Bixby, 18 Aug. 1771."

Jonathan Bixby was a minor at his father's death. Guardianship was granted to John Stockwell of Sutton, 16 Nov. 1741. There is no accounting on record. (The connection with the Stockwells was through the wife of Sam^l Bixby, Sr.)

6 Jan. 1767, warned from Charlton, Jonathan Bixby and wife Elizabeth, and their children Samuel, Jacob, Martha, Jonathan, Eliza, Amasa. All described as coming from Killingly. Rice: Worcester County, Mass., Warnings.

30 Oct. 1765, Jonathan Bixby, tanner, of Killingly, Conn., buys of Nathaniel Duey of Charlton District, yeoman, in consideration of £50, a lot of land on which said Duey lives, bounded by land of Kitchen, Jona. Clemmons, Jona. Dennis, Aaron Gleason. Worcester Deeds, 55: 329.

5 Dec. 1768, Jonathan Bixby of Charlton, husbandman, sells 100 acres in Charlton to Jona. Clemmons, bounding on Dennis, McIntire, Alexander, and said Clemmons. No wife appears. Worcester Deeds, 61: 330.

22 Nov. 1780, Jonathan Bixby of Dudley, tanner, buys of Benjamin Edmunds and wife Eunice one acre in the middle of the town (Dudley), dwelling house and bark house. Worcester Deeds, 89: 141.

30 June 1783, Bixby as of Dudley, tanner, sells this same property to Jacob Davis, who deeds it back 23 June 1786, when Bixby is described as of Oxford, and Davis was in Montpelier, Vermont. On the 14 Feb. 1794, he, Bixby, now of Oxford South Gore, deeds this same property to Jeremiah Kingsbury of Oxford, and takes in exchange apparently, a deed, of the day previous, to land in Oxford. In 1800 he sells some of this Oxford land, and that year styles himself "cordwainer;" he sells additional land there in 1801, this time describing himself as "yeoman." In none of these deeds does a wife appear, yet he was then married.

Jonathan Bixby of Dudley, and widow Kezia Allen of South Gore married, at Oxford, 3 June 1784. She was widow of John Allen, to whom she was married 16 June 1771 and daughter of Ephraim Ammidown of Oxford whose will dated 13 April 1786 was not allowed. Under it Kezia was to have half as much as each of the other children.

2 Nov. 1793, Jonathan Bixby of Oxford, yeoman, and wife Kezia unite with the other heirs of Ephraim Ammidown in a quitclaim to Elisha Davis the administrator. Worcester Deeds, 125: 246.

14 April 1802, Jonathan Bixby and wife Kezia unite in a deed to Abijah Davis for \$133, of a farm of twelve acres and building partly in Oxford and partly in the South Gore. Worcester Deeds, 148: 511.

The published Dudley town records are silent concerning Jonathan Bixby, and the history of Oxford does not help, though his residence there is noticed. The town clerk of Charlton reports a thorough search, but the only record he finds is the record of marriage of David Bixby to Laura Foster, 9 April, 1811.

The sons of Jonathan Bixby do not appear on the index to Worcester County Deeds.

Whether Capt. Jonathan Bixby lived at Nobleton, or merely swore his return there when passing through, has not yet transpired. His previous Connecticut residence and connection with Connecticut troops render the latter possible. Yet, a temporary sojourn in Nobletown or near there is indicated by his association with Connecticut men who removed to Columbia County, N. Y. No other record of his whereabouts during that period has been found, he had lost his wife, he had no large property interests in Killingly or Charlton, his children were fairly well grown up, and his frequent removals indicate a seeking for a more favorable location, such as it was expected would be afforded by the new settlements which were being established in the debatable land. His return afterwards to Charlton may be ascribed to a subsequent conviction that Massachusetts could not maintain her title to that land, and a realization of the opposition on the part of the New York authorities encountered by the settlers.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES, 118: 205.

PROV. OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY.—

IN COUNCIL, 9 JULY 1766.

W^m Kellog of Nobletown being sworn deposeth and sayth that He was present at the Affray which happened the 26 of June between John Van Ranslaer Esq. and a number of the Inhabitants of a place called Nobletown and parts adjacent; that this Affray happened as near as he can judge at about 16 miles distance from Hudson's River,— Being asked to what Government he apprehended the place belonged He replied That the Inhabitants had formerly done duty under the Government of the Massachusetts and made their purchases of the Indians with the formall consent of the said Government 12 years ago or upwards; But that in the year 1757 or thereabouts the Said Government received some Advices from their Agent in England concerning some transactions there relative to the said Line, and that they have never since that time required any Duty of those Inhabitants that he knows of— He further saith

That the said Mr Ranslaer claims the said Land, by virtue of a Patent from the Government of New York, and has prosecuted the same heretofore with several Acts of Violence as pulling down Houses and imprisoning divers of the Possessors.

That some time in the month of June last several Stockbridge Indians embarked for England as he has heard and believes, to lay their Complaints before his Majesty concerning their being disturbed in the possession of their Lands of

which they had given Warrantee Deeds, and of other Lands claimed by them; that on the 25th of said June they heard that Mr Ranslaer was much dissatisfied with these Indians going home and that for this and other causes he intended to come down with force upon the Inhabitants and pull down their Houses.

That on the 26th they had intelligence that Mr Ranslaer was coming down upon them with Five hundred men; that in the afternoon he made his appearance with between two and three hundred men as he judged, all armed with Guns, Pistols and Swords: that thereupon they went out about forty or fifty of them unarmed except with Sticks, and went up to a Fence between them and the assailants in order to confer and compromise matters between them.

That the assailants came up to the Fence and Hermannus Schuyler the Sheriff of the County of Albany fired his pistol down aslant upon them, and three others fired their Guns over them. The Inhabitants thereupon desired to talk with them they would not hearken, but the Sheriff (as it is said by some who knew him) ordered the men to fire, who thereupon fired and killed one of their own men who had got over the Fence—upon this mischief the said Inhabitants unarmed as aforesaid retreated most of them into the woods, but twelve betook themselves to the House, and there defended themselves with arms and ammunition that was therein; the two parties here fired upon each other, the assailants killed one man in the House and the Inhabitants wounded several of them, whom the rest carried off and retreated, to the number of seven as he is informed, none of whom by the last accounts were dead.

He further saith That the Sheriff in all this time shewed no paper, nor attempted to execute any warrant — and that the Inhabitants never offered any provocation while at the Fence except their continuing there, nor had any one of them a Gun, pistol or Sword till they retreated to the House.

He further saith that at the action at the Fence, one of the Inhabitants had his leg broke, whereupon the assailants attempted to seize him and carry him off; he thereupon begd they would consider the misery he was in, declaring he had rather dye than be carried off, whereupon one of the assailants said, you shall dye then and discharging his Pistol upon him as he lay upon the Ground shot him thro' the Body as the wounded man told the Informant. That the said wounded man was alive when he left him, but not like to live long.

WILLIAM KELLOGG

Thomas Pier of Great Barrington petitioned for payment of what he had expended in supplying the necessities of life to the inhabitants of Nobletown who daily came to his house in a suffering condition during the late troubles. He supplied 131 meals and other supplies: nor did he make any account of

victualling children or of horse keeping. This petition is dated 21 January 1767. According to the certificate of Mark Hopkins, J. P., 24 January 1767 who took Pier's oath to the above; Piers also supplied the "regular troops." It also appears that the selectmen of Egremont had been desired by the Governor to supply the distressed inhabitants. Archives, 118:214.

From another undated petition and an account of Kellogg, and the report of a House committee, we learn that William Kellogg was the agent of the Proprietors of Nobletown and that he was in Boston before the Governor on business of the Plantation and Province, in July, November and in December 1766, and also in February 1767, and that the Province settled with him for £14-12-11. He recites in an undated petition that after purchasing the lands from the Province in 1756 they had procured proper deeds from the Indians and that they had been in possession of the lands until this day. That the deed was then in the hands of a committee appointed by the House in the fall of 1766 to enquire into the disorders on the western frontier. The House ordered this Committee to deliver the deed, who reported it was in the hands of Joseph Hawley who thereupon was ordered to return it into the Secretary's office. The unfortunate condition of the dispossessed inhabitants of Nobletown aroused much sympathy, but Massachusetts does not seem to have felt that there was any obligation to make good to the Proprietors or those who held under them the losses sustained. A most peculiar proclamation, which he styles a brief, was issued by Governor Bernard upon resolve of the General Court, and in which he states that the inhabitants of Nobletown lying west of the line supposed to be the boundary, have scarcely any of the necessities of life, and have been unable to meet the arrears of pay to their minister now amounting to £100, and "they have prayed that a brief may issue to such parts of the Province as shall be thought proper, recommending their case to the compassionate considerations of the good people living within the same." The Governor in this unique document, for in many respects it is most peculiar, and we know of no other instance where certain districts were called upon by proclamation to make good by contributions what should have fallen upon the whole province, puts the loss to the inhabitants as £1989-19 and addresses his proclamation to the people of the counties of Worcester, Hampshire and Berkshire, designating John Ashley of Sheffield and Timothy Woodbridge of Stockbridge to receive the contributions for relief of the sufferers. He calls upon the ministers to read this proclamation at time of divine service on the occasion of the General Fast, 9th of April next. The proclamation is dated 18 March 1767. Massachusetts Archives, 118:225, 236.

Jonathan and Eliza Bixby's children were Samuel, Jacob, Martha, Jonathan, Jr., Elizabeth, Salmon, Chloe and Amasa as follows:

SAMUEL BIXBY,¹ born, in Killingly, 30 May 1754; soldier in the Revolutionary War from Charlton 1777, in Capt. Abijah Lamb's Co.; married, 1st, Elizabeth Strong; married, 2nd, Sarah Nelson, who, according to tradition, was own cousin to Lord Nelson; married, 3rd, Martha Ketchum. Samuel Bixby² first came to Lyme, N. H., in 1775, but left there to enlist in the American army during the Revolutionary War. Among Bixby descendants there is a tradition that eleven sons of Jonathan³ went into the Revolutionary War, and that nine came out, married, and settled in different parts of the United States. After the war Samuel⁴ and his brothers, Jonathan⁵ and Jacob⁶, settled in Lyme, about 1786. He had a large family, — twenty-one children, it is said — including, by 1st wife, ALFRED BIXBY,⁷ a graduate of Union College in 1817, and afterwards a lawyer and teacher in New York City; by second wife, LEWIS BIXBY,⁸ graduated at Union College in 1828, and afterwards an Episcopalian clergyman;* by second wife, also, SAMUEL BIXBY,⁹ a physician in Illinois; and by third wife, WILLARD BIXBY,¹⁰ whose descendants still live in Lyme, N. H. Of Samuel,¹¹ Eleazer Carpenter Converse of Newport, N. H., says: "I remember Samuel Bixby. When I was a boy he used to come to our house. He wore a long vest and knee buckles, and told war stories." He died on a 4th of July, probably about 1842 or 1843, from a cancer in the face said to have been caused by a fire brand thrown by his insane daughter, Mary Ann, who was the terror of all the children in the neighborhood.

The following letters addressed to the editor of this book show Revolutionary War Service of Bixbys whose first name was Samuel:

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
CONCORD, DEC. 6, 1899.

Dear Sir:—

I regret to say in reply to your favor of Dec. 5, that the name of Samuel Bixby does not appear on the Revolutionary Rolls of New Hampshire.

Very respectfully,
EDWARD N. PEARSON,
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
BOSTON, MASS., DEC. 16, 1899.

Dear Sir:—

In reply to your favor of the 13th inst., I beg to state that an examination of the record index to the revolutionary rolls reveals a reference to a Samuel Bixby, of Sutton, as serving as Private in the eight months' army in 1775; to a Samuel Bixby, Private, in Captain Abijah Burbank's (Sutton) company in 1780; to a Samuel Bixbee, Sergeant, in Captain Andrew Elliott's (Sutton) company in 1777; and to a Samuel Bixby, Private, in Captain Abijah Lamb's (Charlton) company in 1777.

I would add that the records preserved here cover the civil and military service rendered to the credit of this state only.

Yours respectfully,
WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary.

*Lewis Bixby⁸ had a daughter named Eliza Converse Bixby, presumably after Mrs. Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse.

The Birby Family

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Samuel Bixby⁵ (*Samuel*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Benjamin*,² *Joseph*¹), was born in Sutton, 24 Sept. 1755; married, 13 June 1781, Mary Greenwood; died in 1848. She died in 1851.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MARCH 1, 1900.

Sir:—

In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of Samuel Bixby a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		STATE
			CAPTAIN	COLONEL	
Apr. 19, 1775	8 months	Private	Isaac Bolster	Larned	Mass.
Dec., 1776	3 "	"	Jno. Putman	Whitney	"
Sept., 1777	40 days	"	— Elliott	Halman	"
—, 1778	2 months	"	Abijah Burbank	Not stated	"

Battles engaged in, none stated

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Sutton, Mass.

Date of application for pension, Aug. 14, 1832.

Residence at date of application, Worcester County, Mass.

Age at date of application, 76 years.

Remarks: His pension was allowed and Mary, his widow, was also a pensioner He was born in Sutton, Mass.

(Signed)

Very respectfully,

H. CLAY EVANS,
Commissioner.

JACOB BIXBY,⁶ born in Killingly, Conn., 11 July 1756; soldier in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut; died unmarried in Lyme.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, DEC. 12, 1899.

This is to certify that

JACOB BIXBY

served in the war of the Revolution and the following is said service, according to the records of this office. On page 462 "Conn. Men in the revolution" appears the following: Jacob Bixby, a private in Captain John Green's Company in the 11th regiment of Militia (at New York in 1776). Colonel Ebenezer Williams, of Pomfret, commanding. On page 583, same book, appears the following: Jacob Bixbye of Killingly, in Colonel Canfield's Militia Regiment. At West Point Sept. 1781.

No further record. In Testimony Whereof, we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Asst. Adjt. General.

The Bixby Family

MARTHA BIXBY,⁵ born, in Killingly, 5 Jan. 1758.

JONATHAN BIXBY,⁴ JR., born, in Killingly, 24 April 1760. The following is the record in the Pension Bureau at Washington of his Revolutionary War Service:

Jonathan Bixby, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Date of enlistment, May 1777.

Length of service, 3 years and 7 months

Rank, Corporal.

Officers under whom service was rendered

Captain, } Isaac Pope.

Colonel, } Shepard.

State, Massachusetts.

Battles engaged in, Monmouth.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, not stated.

Date of application for pension, 29 May 1823.

Residence at date of application, Lyme, N. H.

Age at date of application, 63 years.

Remarks. His claim was allowed. He married Esther Newton, 24 Nov. 1785, and died 12 Feb. 1834 and she was pensioned as his widow. This is the only Jonathan Bixby of whom this Bureau has a record as a Revolutionary soldier.

(Signed)

H. CLAY EVANS.

7 May 1901.

Commissioner.

Jonathan Bixby, Jr., settled in Lyme about 1786. His granddaughter, Mrs. Gilbert of Lyme, gives the following account of his and his brother Samuel's settlement in Lyme: They went back "from the river five miles and located, and had to go there to get their cooking done. They would go there Saturday night, and Monday would take their rations and go into the woods where they were making their home. He had some good shoes when they started, but they became worn out. When asked if it did not hurt his feet to go barefoot, he replied, 'No. They became as hard as horns' ". He had two sons and three daughters, viz:

WALTER BIXBY,⁴ moved from Lyme to Warren, N. H.

LUCINDA BIXBY,⁴ (Lucinda and Cynthia were twins).

CYNTHIA BIXBY,⁴ of Lyme, N. H.

SEREL BIXBY,⁴ married Mehitable Burgoyne, daughter of Dr. Burgoyne of Lyme, who was a near relative of Gen. John Burgoyne. (A grandson is the artist William Johnson Bixby of Boston.)

BETSY BIXBY,⁴

ELIZABETH BIXBY,⁵ born in Killingly, Conn., 2 Sept. 1762; married Joel Converse.⁶

SALMON BIXBY,⁴ not mentioned in Killingly town records, as were the other five children above mentioned, but he was doubtless a son of Jonathan⁴ and Eliza. He lived in Underhill, Vt., removed in 1811 to Madrid, N. Y., and, a little later, to Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. He named one of his sons "Parry." Another of his sons was Salmon Bixby who settled in Jericho, Vermont, and had son A. L. Bixby of Nebraska.

CHLOE BIXBY,⁵ not mentioned in Killingly town records, but she is remembered by descendants of Mrs. Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse as her sister. By Mrs. Gilbert of Lyme, who is a granddaughter of Jonathan Bixby,⁵ she is also remembered as being his sister; and by Elsie N. Bixby of Lowell, Mass., who is a granddaughter of Solomon Bixby,⁴ of Underhill, Vt., as being the latter's sister. Chloe Bixby was a very handsome woman. She married — Sheldon of Underhill, Vt. (afterwards removed to Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.), and had two sons, one of whom

Parry Clete (or Parryclete) Sheldon is said to have been president of a College in Canada. She died in Syracuse, N. Y., at the Old Ladies Home there, when nearly 100 years old.

AMASA BIXBY,⁸ baptized 10 March 1765; married, 7 April 1793, Mary Blanchard of Sturbridge, Mass.

For further particulars of the Bixby line, see Genealogy of Bixby Families, in course of preparation, begun by the late Rev. M. H. Bixby, D.D., of Providence, R. I., and his son-in-law, the late Rev. T. Johnson, M. D., and continued by Mrs. Mary F. B. Burbank of North Adams, Mass.

Appendix 3.

The line of descent of Mary Johnson Bishop, who married James Thompson, was

- I. THOMAS BISHOP.
- II. SAMUEL BISHOP.
- III. JOHN BISHOP.
- IV. SAMUEL BISHOP.
- V. DANIEL LATHROP BISHOP.
- VI. MARY JOHNSON BISHOP.

Bishop Family.

THOMAS BISHOP¹ of Ipswich, Mass., was a proprietor there in 1637. He was a man of affairs, Deputy to the General Court in 1666, and at his death left, for those days, the very large estate of £5000. His will dated 6 February 1670 was proved 28 March 1671. He died 7 February 1670-1, leaving a widow Margaret, a brother Paul Bishop of Kingston (England), a "cousin" Sarah Bishop who lived with him, and who was probably a niece, and sons Samuel, John, Thomas, Job, Nathaniel. The widow Margaret died probably in 1680, as an inventory of her estate was presented in Court 31 March 1681. Job Bishop of Ipswich, a brother of Thomas,* married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. George Phillips.

Children:

SAMUEL BISHOP,² born 1644-5; Harvard College 1665; died in 1687.

JOHN BISHOP,² removed to Wethersfield, Conn., prior to 1675 and died there October 1678, leaving an only daughter SARAH³ and a widow Sarah.

THOMAS BISHOP,² born 1646, a merchant, trading to the West Indies.

JOB BISHOP,² born about 1657; in 1691 he having been absent at sea three years his widow Johanna was granted administration on his estate.

NATHANIEL BISHOP,² died, a minor, 10 May, 1673.

SAMUEL BISHOP² (*Thomas*¹) of Ipswich, born 1644-5, died in 1687. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1665; the same class in which was Joseph Dudley afterward Governor of the Colony. The following reference in the will of Rev. Thomas Corbet is quoted by Sibley in his *Harvard Graduates*, II, 137: "nor did I take that course in distribution of my estate to my sons, as godly wise merchant Bishop did in a case every way parallel of his eldest son Samuel and our eldest son Samuel: both devoted by their parents to the ministry both maintained at scoole and colledge, to take theyr first degree: and parents willing to be at more paynes to theyr 2d degree and to fit them for ye ministry: but neither of them will be perswaded by parents to goe on: both of them turn off

* Nathaniel Bishop of Boston who gave in an inventory of the estate of his "brother" Henry Bishop 6 November 1665, was probably a brother of Thomas of Ipswich.

to more secular Employments: and Sam: Bishops portion therefore is made only equall with his other brethren in the estate of theyr prudent and pious fathers last will.' Samuel Bishop married 10 August 1675, Hester, daughter of William Cogswell, who married, second, 16 December 1689, Thomas Burnham.

Children:

MARGARET BISHOP,³ born 17 May 1676; married, 27 Sept. 1695, Ichabod Griggs. Their son ICHABOD⁴ settled in that part of Norwich now Lisbon, but removed to Tolland. The late Leveret Griggs, D.D., was a descendant.

SAMUEL BISHOP,³ born in Ipswich, 6 Feb. 1678-9; died 17 Nov. 1760. He was the guardian of his youngest brother, John, and took him with him when, about 1700, he removed to Connecticut where he settled on land part of an extensive purchase by several gentlemen of Ipswich of whom he was one. This settlement was called Newent, and is now Lisbon.

HESTER BISHOP,³ born 21 May 1681. She became the wife of Aaron Burnham and settled in Newent.

THOMAS BISHOP,³ born 21 Sept. 1683.

JOHN BISHOP,³ born 20 Sept. 1685; died 14 Nov. 1755.

JOHN BISHOP³ (*Samuel,² Thomas¹*), born in Ipswich, 20 September 1685; died 14 November 1755; married 30 July 1718, Mary daughter of Thomas Bingham, who died 17 October 1724. He married, second, 22 August 1727, Temperance Lathrop, who married, second, 14 December 1763, Capt. James Grant, and, third, 16 September 1773, Elkanah Hewitt.

The will of John Bishop, recorded at Norwich, is dated 14 November 1754. He names his wife Temperance, children John, Joseph, Benjamin, Samuel, Mary Allen, Deborah Cushman, Temperance, Esther, Zerriah.

Children, by first wife:

MARY BISHOP,⁴ born 25 June 1719; married — Allen.

DEBORAH BISHOP,⁴ born 22 May 1722; married — Cushman.

JOHN BISHOP,⁴ born 4 Aug. died 14 Sept. 1724.

Children, by second wife:

JOHN BISHOP,⁴ born 13 October 1731; married Ruth daughter of Rev. Jonathan Parker. A descendant is Judge Robert R. Bishop of Massachusetts.

TEMPERANCE BISHOP,⁴ born 15 October 1733; bapt. 21 Oct. 1733; married, 12 Nov. 1761, Capt. and Dr. David Holmes, father of Rev. ABIEL HOLMES,⁵ D.D., who was the father of OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.⁶

JOSEPH BISHOP,⁴ born 28 Aug. 1735.

BENJAMIN BISHOP,⁴ born 11 June 1738. His will indicates that he never married. It is dated 1761 and names his brothers John, Samuel and Joseph, the latter being nominated as executor; his sisters Mary, Deborah, Esther, Temperance and Zeriah.

ESTHER BISHOP,⁴ born 25 August 1740.

ZERIAH BISHOP,⁴ born 22 May 1742.

SAMUEL BISHOP,⁴ born 21 November 1745.

There is a tradition that John Bishop¹ emigrated from the Island of Guernsey with three brothers: Ebenezer, Daniel and Nathaniel, and that John and Ebenezer settled in Lisbon, Conn., Daniel in New London, Conn., and Nathaniel in New Haven, Conn.

SAMUEL BISHOP⁴ (*John,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹*), born in Lisbon, Conn.; died 14 January 1793; married, 23 October 1770, Marcy Johnson, who was born in Preston, Conn., the daughter of Stephen Johnson of that town. She died in Ithaca, N. Y., 16 October 1833.

Children:

DANIEL BISHOP,⁵ born 24 Nov. 1772; died 26 Sept. 1775.

SAMUEL BISHOP,⁵ born 24 Oct. 1773; died 27 Sept. 1775.

MARY BISHOP,⁵ born 30 Oct. 1775; married Alfred Kinney of South Hero, Vt.

DANIEL LATHROP BISHOP,⁵ born 20 Oct. 1777; died 26 March 1848.

TEMPERANCE BISHOP,⁵ born 18 Dec. 1779; died 9 Aug. 1783.

DEBORAH BISHOP,⁵ born 26 Nov. 1781; married — Boardman, of Grand Isle, Vt.

LOUISA BISHOP,⁵ born 18 Feb. 1783; married — Downer, of Bozrah, Conn.

MARCY BISHOP,⁵ born 12 March 1785; married — Williams.

SARAH BISHOP,⁵ born 24 May 1787; died 18 July 1832; married Abraham Shepard of Plainfield, Conn., and had daughters noted for their beauty, of whom LYDIA ANN SHEPARD,⁶ married John A. Collier of Binghamton, N. Y.; ELIZA SHEPARD,⁶ married Rev. Mr. Fowler of Utica, N. Y., and ABBY SHEPARD,⁶ married — Kirtland of Utica, N. Y. They also had son, WILLIAM SHEPARD,⁶ who resided in Troy, N. Y.

JEDEDIAH BISHOP,⁵ born 5 June 1789; died 9 April 1791.

DANIEL LATHROP BISHOP⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ John,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹*) born 20 October 1777; died 26 March 1848; married, first, 2 January 1805, in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Lucy Perkins of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, who was born 7 August 1780, and who died 27 February 1817. She was the mother of Mary Johnson Bishop. Daniel Lathrop Bishop was a shipping merchant and commission merchant, in New York City, and had business connections in Nova Scotia, where his wife's father resided. After the death of his first wife, he married her sister Elizabeth. He removed to Ithaca, N. Y., in 1820.

Children:

HENRY YOUNG BISHOP,⁶ born 5 Oct. 1805; died 21 January 1817.

SAMUEL PERKINS BISHOP,⁶ born 12 June 1807; died 1 Feb. 1902; married in Cincinnati, 7 Oct. 1841, Elizabeth Hunter Hoge, born 27 March 1822, died 24 Dec. 1896; lived in Cincinnati, Ohio.

ELIZABETH PERKINS BISHOP,⁶ born 16 Aug. 1809; died 14 Nov. 1869; married, March 1831, Joshua Newton Perkins.

MARY JOHNSON BISHOP,⁶ born 19 Dec. 1811; died 16 Dec. 1848; married James Thompson.

DANIEL EDWARD BISHOP,⁶ born 22 May 1813; died 13 Aug. 1814.

DANIEL EDWARD BISHOP,⁶ MAJOR, born 21 Aug. 1815; died 29 Dec. 1899; married, 1st, 1845, Eliza Low Isaacs of New York, who died 18 Oct. 1891; married, 2nd, 24 Oct. 1893, Ada Ellen Richards, of London, England. After second marriage resided in England.

MARY JOHNSON BISHOP⁶ (*Daniel L.*,⁵ *Samuel*,⁴ *John*,³ *Samuel*², *Thomas*¹), was born in New York City, 19 December 1811. She married James Thompson, and her daughter Elizabeth Perkins Thompson married John Heman Converse, No. 221 (pages 408, 409). Mrs. Thompson was petite in figure, of fair complexion, with blue eyes and brown hair. Her disposition was amiable, and she was devotedly beloved by her friends, one of whom, Mrs. Heman Dyer of New York City, says, "She was the most perfect woman I ever knew." She died at the early age of thirty-seven in her father's house at Ithaca, N. Y., 16 December 1848.

She had five children:—Elizabeth Perkins, James Newton, Daniel Bishop, Emily, and Mary as follows:

ELIZABETH PERKINS THOMPSON,⁷ married John Heman Converse; see page 394.

JAMES NEWTON THOMPSON,⁷ born Ithaca, N. Y., 31 Dec. 1840; formerly Captain of Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers Steamboats; married in Memphis, Tenn., 6 April 1864, Maria Isabella Adams Creighton who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., 29 May 1842, and died in Memphis, Tenn., 16 April 1902. To James Newton and Maria Isabella Adams (Creighton) Thompson five children were born as follows:

JOUNEAU MARY THOMPSON,⁸ b., in Memphis, 10 January 1865; m. 29 June 1891, Samuel Nelson Castle. They reside in Memphis and have had three children, all born in Memphis, viz:

AILEEN ISABELLA CASTLE,⁹ b. 20 May 1892; d. 2 Aug. 1892.

EDWARD NOWLAND CASTLE,⁹ b. 3 April 1894.

SAMUEL NELSON CASTLE,⁹ b. 22 March 1899.

ROBERTA ALICE THOMPSON,⁸ b. in Memphis, 16 June 1866; m., 19 Sept. 1892, John Rosser Prothro. They reside in Memphis, and there their four children were born as follows:

JAMES THOMPSON PROTHRO,⁹ b. 16 July 1893.

MARY ELIZABETH PROTHRO,⁹ b. 29 Aug. 1895.

ROBERTA THOMPSON PROTHRO,⁹ b. 11 Aug. 1896.

MARIA EVELYN PROTHRO,⁹ b. 18 June 1903.

JAMES MITCHELL THOMPSON,⁸ b., in Memphis, 26 Oct. 1870; m. in Louisville, Ky., 17 Nov. 1897, Nora Ethel Frances. They reside in Memphis where their daughter AMY ISABEL THOMPSON⁹ was born 20 Sept. 1899.

CLARENCE THOMPSON,⁸ b. in St. Louis, Mo., 13 Aug. 1872; d., in St. Louis, 4 April 1874.

AILEEN EDITH THOMPSON,⁸ b. in St. Louis, Mo., 5 Aug. 1874; m., 14 June 1899

Robert Wilkins Douglass. They reside in Douglas, Ark., and their three children are:

ROBERT WILKINS DOUGLASS,⁶ JR., b., in Memphis, 8 March 1900.

EDITH THOMPSON DOUGLASS,⁶ b. in Douglas, Ark., 22 Aug. 1901.

ALICE VIRGINIA DOUGLASS,⁶ b. in Douglas, Ark., 5 Oct. 1903.

DANIEL BISHOP THOMPSON,⁷ born in Ithaca, N. Y., 10 Sept. 1843; educated in private schools; Professor of Mathematics in 12th District Normal School of State of Pennsylvania from 1860 to 1863; Assistant Clerk of House of Representatives, U.S.A., from December 1863 till March 1867; admitted to the bar in Pittsburgh, Pa., in November 1866; settled in Brooklyn, N. Y., in March 1868 where he has practised ever since; was candidate for member of Assembly in November 1894, and a candidate for State Senator in November 1896; married in Brooklyn, N. Y., 17 June 1877, Mary Emma McDonnell, widow, *née* Place, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 5 May 1857 and is daughter of Charles and Jane (Bailey) Place. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bishop Thompson reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., where two children were born to them, viz:

KENNEDY MOORHEAD THOMPSON,⁸ b. 15 Feb. 1881.

ALBERTA THOMPSON,⁸ b. 29 January 1883.

EMILY THOMPSON⁷ (twin), died in infancy.

MARY THOMPSON⁷ (twin), married, 5 Oct. 1869, Aurin B. Nichols, who graduated from Brown University, is a Civil Engineer, formerly in engineering department of Pennsylvania Railroad, afterwards manager of lumber operations at Reynoldsville, Pa., Winterburn, Pa., Philadelphia, Pa., and West Virginia, for several recent years in proposed Nicaragua Canal preliminary surveying party, now (1905) in engineering department of Panama Canal. Family residence Philadelphia, Pa. Of their three daughters, ELIZABETH NICHOLS,⁸ graduated from Bryn Mawr College and married Charles W. Moores, lawyer, of Indianapolis, Ind., MARY LOUISE NICHOLS,⁸ graduated from University of Pennsylvania, received degree of Ph.D. and is a teacher in the Girls Normal School, Philadelphia, and TIRZAH NICHOLS,⁸ graduated from Bryn Mawr College and is a teacher in Miss Baldwin's School at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The line of Lucy Perkins (wife of Daniel Lathrop Bishop⁵), was John Perkins,¹ Sergeant Jacob Perkins,² Capt. Jabez Perkins,³ Jacob Perkins,⁴ Col. Simeon Perkins,⁵ Lucy Perkins,⁶ as follows:

JOHN PERKINS from Newent, Gloucestershire, sailed from Bristol, 1 December 1630, in the Lyon, with wife and five children. After a stormy passage of sixty-seven days they arrived at Nantasket 5 February 1631, and on the 6th came to anchor before Boston. He and wife Judith were admitted to the church at Boston 1631, and he was admitted as Freeman 18 May 1631.⁴ He was one of a committee to settle bounds between Dorchester and Roxbury in 1632. In 1633 he joined the company which under the leadership of John Winthrop, Jr., was planting at Ipswich and had there several grants of land. He was Deputy to the General Court

25 May 1636, and was also chosen to fill town office. In 1651 being above 60 years of age he was freed from ordinary training. He was one of the leading men of Ipswich. (See Genealogy by George A. Perkins, Essex Institute Historical Collections, vol. XIX, page 217.) His will dated 28-1st mo. 1654 was proved 27-7th mo. following. The researches of Mr. D. W. Perkins have resulted in finding evidence which seems to prove conclusively that John Perkins of Ipswich was the John Perkins who was married at Hillmorton, Warwickshire, 9 October 1608, to Judith Gater, and was that John baptized there 23 December 1583, son of Henry and Elizabeth Perkins. From a pamphlet entitled Notes on the Perkins Families of England by D. W. Perkins, Salem, 1894, the following line is taken:—

THOMAS PERKINS of Hillmorton, who was probably descended from the Perkins family of Ufton Court,* owned lands in Hillmorton and Lilborne and made his will 3 April 1528, which was proved at Lichfield, 21 April 1528, by the relict Alice. He was father of

HENRY PERKINS of Hillmorton, who proved his mother's will 15 October 1538. He probably died 1546, as a will of Henry Perkins was proved that year, and a son Thomas is mentioned in the Act Book; but the will is now missing. He had

THOMAS PERKINS of Hillmorton, whose will dated 16 September 1588 was proved 11 May 1592. He had sons Henry, John, Edward, Luke, William, Thomas and Isaac.

HENRY PERKINS of Hillmorton, executor of the will of his father, the above Thomas Perkins, died 1609, as 5 April that year his son Thomas had administration on his estate. As John is not named among the minor children, he was then of age, which corresponds with the date of his baptism given above.

SERGEANT JACOB PERKINS,² born in England, 1624, came to this country when seven years of age with his father John. He died in Ipswich 29 January 1699-1700. He married, probably in 1648, Elizabeth —, and died 12 February 1685-6, aet. 56. Joseph and Jabez Perkins "so closely connected with the early history of Norwich, Conn., were his sons. They came to the place young and unmarried, and seated themselves for life in a part of the town where the woods were yet unthinned, and the soil unmellowed by cultivation" (Caulkins' History of Norwich, Conn., in which an account of the Perkins family will be found). Joseph and Jabez Per-

*For the history of the Perkins Family, derived from Peter Morley alias Perkins, 1380, and of Ufton Court, see Miss Sharp's History of Ufton Court.

kins had large estates. Joseph was a physician and the first of three generations of M.D's of the same name.

CAPT. JABEZ PERKINS,³ born, in Ipswich, Mass., 15 May 1677; died in Norwich, Conn., 15 January 1741-2; married 30 June 1698, Hannah Lathrop, who was the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Adgate) Lathrop, and the mother of Jacob Perkins.⁴ She died in 1721, and he married, second, in 1722, Charity Leonard of Middlebury. He was one of the leading citizens of Norwich,⁵ one of the first five publicly to own the covenant, a deputy in 1720, and left a large estate. His farm was in the crotch of the Rivers Shetucket and Quinebaug, and he and his brother Joseph were the founders of Newent.

In Caulkins' History of Norwich he is mentioned as one of the Norwich patriots foremost in the movement in opposition to the Stamp Act. In 1776, he was in the service of the state as contractor and dispenser of public stores. In 1782, he was one of the members of the association for the suppression of illicit trade. His daughter, Hannah, was the mother of Gen. Jabez Huntington, and grandmother of Gen. Jedidiah Huntington, State Treasurer, and of Gen. Ebenezer Huntington, all distinguished officers in the continental service.

JACOB PERKINS,⁴ born in Norwich, Conn., 22 May 1705; died 3 June 1776; married, 14 October 1730, Jemima Leonard, who was born 1710, and died 30 October 1780. His son, Jacob, Jr., was Lieutenant 1st Co., Norwich 1774.

COL. SIMEON PERKINS,⁵ born in Norwich, Conn., 24 February 1735; died in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, 9 May 1812; married, second, Mrs. Elizabeth (Young) Hadley, widow, daughter of Henry Young, and the mother of Lucy Perkins. She died in Ithaca, N. Y., 18 Sept. 1825, at the age of seventy-eight, having moved there in 1822, with her daughters Elizabeth and Charlotte.

Miss Caulkins' History of Norwich, Conn., has the following regarding him:

"The above named Simeon Perkins removed to Liverpool, Nova Scotia, in May 1762, and remained thenceforward a loyal subject to the British crown. In the course of a long life he sustained with ability and popularity the various offices of justice, judge of probate, town clerk, chief justice of the county courts, and colonel commandant of the militia. He was also a member of the Provincial House of Representatives for nearly thirty years. After his death a tablet was framed and suspended in the court room where he had presided, containing an inscription of grateful respect, dedicated to his memory 'By the Justices in Session.' "

His daughter by his first wife, Abigail Backus Perkins, married, Nov. 1795, Joshua Newton, Esq., Collector of the Port, Liverpool, N. S. and their daughter, Charlotte Ann Newton, married Samuel Fairbank at Liverpool, N. S. Ruth Hadley, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Young Hadley Perkins by her first husband, married Elkanah Freeman.

LUCY PERKINS.*

The line of Hannah Lathrop (wife of Capt. Jabez Perkins) was: Robert Lowthropp,¹ Thomas Lowthropp,² Rev. John Lathrop,³ Samuel Lathrop,⁴ Samuel Lathrop,⁵ Jr., Hannah Lathrop,⁶ as follows:

ROBERT LOWTHROPP,¹ of Lowthropp, Yorkshire; married Ellen —.

THOMAS LOWTHROPP,² of Elton, Yorkshire, England; married Mary —, born Elton, Yorkshire, 6 January 1558.

REV. JOHN LATHROP,³ born in Elton, Yorkshire, 20 December 1584; matriculated Queen's College, Cambridge, 1601; died in Barnstable, Mass., 8 November 1653. Davis' Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth says that he was born in Elton, East Riding, Yorkshire; son of Thomas of Cherry Barton; and grandson of John Lowthorpe of Lowthorpe, Yorkshire; first settled in Egerton in Kent, and afterwards succeeded Henry Jacob as pastor of Southwark Church in London; came over in the "Griffin" in 1634, and settled first in Scituate, and then in Barnstable in 1639; and that by his first wife, in England, he had Thomas, Benjamin, Jane, Barbara, Samuel and Joseph.

Caulkins' History of Norwich says that "he preached in London to the first Independent or Congregational Church organized in England, as successor to Mr. Jacob, under whose ministry the church was formed. The congregation was broken up by ecclesiastical rigor, and Mr. Lothrop suffered an imprisonment of two years duration, from which he was released only on condition of his leaving the country. He was the first minister both of Scituate and Barnstable." The first wife of Rev. John Lothrop died while he was in prison.

SAMUEL LATHROP,⁴ born in England, a house carpenter, found occupation for a time in Boston, whence he went to New London, then called Pequot, in the summer of 1648. The follow-

ing passage occurs in a letter from the elder Winthrop in Boston to his son at Pequot 14 Aug. 1648:

“Your neighbor Lothrop came not near me as I expected to advise about it; but went away without taking leave. Only enquiring after him, I sent my letters to the house where he wrought the day before his departure.” (Savage’s Winthrop II, 535, App.)

Samuel Lathrop,⁴ removed to Norwich, Conn., in 1668, and died there 29 February 1700. He was constable in 1673, and a member of Mr. Fitch’s church. He married, first, 28 November 1644, Elizabeth Scudder, who was the mother of his nine children. There is no record of her death. He married, second, at Plymouth, in 1690, Abigail, daughter of John Doane. She was then 60 years of age, and this was her first marriage. Samuel Lathrop⁴ was the ancestor of Rev. John Lathrop, a distinguished minister in Boston. He was also the ancestor of Dr. Daniel Lathrop of Norwich, which drug store was, for many years, one of the landmarks of Norwich, whose importations of drugs and chemicals were large for those times, and under whose roof was passed the youth of Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, the poetess. Samuel Lathrop was also the ancestor of Dr. Joseph Coit, Thomas Coit, Daniel L. Coit, and Hon. Joshua Coit.

SAMUEL LATHROP, JR.,⁴ born March 1650; died, Norwich, Conn., 9 December 1732; married, November 1675, Hannah Adgate, who was born 6 October 1653, died 18 September 1695, and who was the daughter of Deacon Thomas Adgate, who was first of Saybrook, and removed to Norwich, Conn., where he was one of the first proprietors.

Samuel, Jr.’s son, Col. Simon Lothrop, commanded one of the Connecticut regiments in the successful expedition against Annapolis and Louisburg, and was for some time in command of the fortress at Cape Breton.

Caulkins’ History of Norwich has frequent references to the Lathrops, and says of Col. Simon:

“Col. Lothrop was valued for his judgment in Council as well as for his gallant bearing in the field, and was of a prudent, thrifty disposition, fond of adding land to land, and house to house. There was a doggerel song that the soldiers used to sing after their return from Caperton that alludes to this propensity:

The Bishop Family

'Col. Lotrop he came on
As bold as Alexander:
He wan't afraid, nor yet ashamed,
To be the chief commander.

'Col. Lotrop was the man,
His soldiers loved him dearly;
And with his sword and cannon great,
He helped them late and early.

'Col. Lotrop, staunch and true,
Was never known to baulk it;
And when he was engaged in trade,
He always filled his pocket.' ''

HANNAH LATHROP,* born, Norwich, Conn., 6 January 1677; died
14 April 1721: married, 30 June 1698, Capt. Jabez Perkins.

Appendix 4.

An Historical Sketch of Winchester, and some Converse Military Records.

Historical Sketch of Winchester.

The following is from a pamphlet published 4 July 1900 in connection with the 250th anniversary of the first white settlement within the territory of Winchester, Mass., which until 1850 was a part of Woburn:

To-day Winchester celebrates the 250th anniversary of the first white settlement within its borders. Two centuries and a half ago the territory now embraced in Winchester was a wild unsettled part of Charlestown, called Waterfield. It was a part of the original territory granted to Charlestown by the General Court in 1633 and defined in 1636 as extending "eight miles into the Country from their meeting house." May 13, 1640, the General Court granted Charlestown "two miles at their head line, provided they build within two years;" Oct. 7, 1640, they also voted: "Charles Towne petition is granted them, the proportion of four miles square, with their former graunt to make a village." (Massachusetts Colony Records.)

These last additions to Charlestown's original grant extended much beyond the present northerly line of the eight mile limit or "Waterfield" and embraced the territory of the present city of Woburn and the towns of Burlington ("Shaw Shin") and Wilmington ("The Land of Nod"). The wild lands of Waterfield (1633) included only the territory along the banks of the Aberjona River from Mystic Pond to the land of John Harvard (Winchester Highlands), and the territory bordering on Horn Pond and Horn Pond River; as its name implies, it was a *waterfield*. It was surveyed and allotted to the inhabitants of Charlestown previous to 1638 (see Charlestown Book of Possessions). By this record supplemented by a map of Waterfield, drawn by the late George Cooke (Winchester Record, Vol. II, No. 2), Winchester can define and locate her land owners of 1638. They included such men as Edward Convers, Edward Johnson, Increase Nowell, Zachariah Symmes, John Harvard, Thomas Graves, Ezekiel, Samuel, and Thomas Richardson, William Frothingham, George Bunker, and many others whose connection with our early history we are proud to acknowledge.

It is evident from both the Charlestown and Massachusetts Colony Records that it was the intention of Charlestown to allot the newly acquired territory to her own citizens and to establish a village near the site of Waterfield, hence our second name "Charlestown Village."

Nov. 4, 1640, a committee of thirteen was chosen by the town to "set the bounds between Charlestown and the village and to appoint a place for the village." It seems that the committee did not agree in their decision, as the Woburn Records subsequently state that "it was in part assented to and part denyed." It appears also, that after securing the grant of new land a project developed among the leaders of the Charlestown church to establish a new church and a new town. Hence on Nov. 4, the *church* (not the inhabitants) of Charlestown of which Rev. Zachariah

Symmes, the ancestor of the Symmes family in Winchester, was pastor, chose a committee of seven, Edward Convers, Edward Johnson, Ezekiel Richardson, John Mousall, Thomas Graves, Samuel Richardson, and Thomas Richardson as commissioners for the erection of a new church and town, where a "village" had been originally designed within the limits of Charlestown (Charlestown Records). In the colonial days the authority of the Puritan church was equal, if not superior, to the civil authority; thus it was through the instrumentality of the church, not the town, of Charlestown that our territory, first Waterfield, then Charlestown village, was finally annexed to Woburn in 1642. Though the church appointed the commissioners above referred to, yet when a large number came forward to join the new town, the church became afraid that Charlestown would become "depopulated." She therefore discountenanced the enterprise and watched all who were in favor of it with a "jealous eye." Subsequently the commissioners seem to have overcome the opposition of the church or to have out-voted the opponents of the new departure, as at a church meeting held Dec. 3, 1640, it was voted "full power is given to Edward Convers and Company to go on with the work."

It does not appear that the town government opposed the church commissioners, though the General Court did not incorporate Woburn into a separate town till Oct. 6, 1642. The act is a model of brevity: "Charlestowne Village is called Wooburne." (Massachusetts Colony Records, Vol. II.) Notwithstanding the passing of this act, the bounds between the two towns were not definitely fixed till Dec. 16, 1650, when Charlestown tardily acceded to the repeated solicitations of Woburn, and a joint committee settled the bounds. This dilatory action of Charlestown seemed to show they were not anxious to divide their town, and explains descriptions of some of the Charlestown farms: "Situate in Wooburne in Charlestowne bounds." (Page 27, Charlestowne Book of Possessions; John Green, Recorder, 1645.)

The southerly line of Woburn as laid out by the joint committee followed the present line of our Church St., from Cambridge St. to the High School house, thence in a straight line to near the Black Horse Tavern into the "Common," or woods. The record reads as follows: "This first wee agree upon: That the Line of devision bettwene the two Townes shall runne from Cambridge Line by ye Northwest end of Mr. Nowell's Lott and so all along bettwene Mr. Sims's Ffarme and Edward Convers's Ffarmes until it come to the East side of them adjoining to Charlestowne Common."

From this description it can be seen that much of the present territory of Winchester, excluding all South of Rangely and Black Horse Hill, was a part of Woburn from this date until 1850, and the union was most happy and prosperous.

Having traced the transfer of our territory from ancient Charlestown to Woburn let us consider the state of the country about the time of the transfer. Think, for a moment, that in 1635-40 this territory was considered by the people of the sea-coast settlements as a "remote land," with which they were little acquainted, and peopled in their imagination with wild beasts and possibly still wilder men. In reality it was a scraggy wilderness, difficult of penetration. Edward Johnson, one of the early explorers, says in his contemporary description of it, that it was a "watery swamp," difficult to travel through, the country being covered with "unknown woods." Sometimes the explorers in their work passed through thickets where their hands were forced to make way for the passage of their bodies, at times their feet clambering over the crossed trees that had fallen, on which, if they missed their foothold, down their feet sank into an uncertain bottom of water, where they

would wade up to their knees, tumbling, sometimes higher and sometimes lower, till wearied with this toil they would seek a place of rest, but instead thereof, as the end of this trial came near, they would meet with a scorching plain, where their difficulties were increased, the ragged bushes there scratching the legs of the adventurers foully, even wearing the stockings on the limbs of the men through to the bare skin in the space of a short time, and if not otherwise well defended with boots or buskins, their flesh would be torn; some not amply well provided with such guards have the blood trickle down at every step. On the plain, besides, the sun cast at that time such a reflecting heat from such plants as the sweet fern, whose scent was very strong, that some of the party from that cause were near fainting, being unable to bear the odor which so severely oppressed them, though, in other respects, they had "very able bodies to endure much travel." Further, they were ignorant of their path, and were at times out of sight of the sun, and were bewildered too by their compass miscarrying in crowding through the bushes. The Indians, fortunately, were not so formidable in this section as their imagination pictured. At this early period the white settlers were sometimes obliged to burrow themselves in the earth under some hillside for their first shelter. To improve this habitation they would cast the earth aloft upon the timber, and the short showers were warded off from the summit of their lodgings, but the long rains penetrated through. Johnson says the people were cheerful in these humble habitations. "Every one who could lift a hoe to strike into the earth aided in raising the first crop; but they had to stand stoutly to their labors and tear up the roots and bushes which abounded, the first year bearing them in useful vegetables a very thin crop," so thin, indeed, "that they were forced to cut their bread very thin for a long season." As a help they lived upon fish which abounded in the streams; and they were helped much by raising Indian corn, which they prepared after the manner of the Indians. As for meat, they "looked not for any in those times;" unless they could barter with the Indians for venison or raccoons, whose flesh was considered not much inferior to lamb. One thing they had learned, in the words of Johnson, that the "toil of a new plantation" was "like the labors of Hercules, never at an end."

The first record we have relating especially to this unexplored country was in 1635, when "Edward Convers, William Brackenbury, and Mr. Abraham Palmer were desired to go up into the country upon discovery three or four days, for which they were to be satisfied at the charge of the town." (Charlestown Records.) Edward Convers, the staunch Puritan, was the leader in this and subsequent explorations. He was one of Winthrop's company and an inhabitant of Charlestown as early as 1630, and one of the selectmen from 1635 to 1640. He established the first ferry between Charlestown and Boston on the site of the present Charles River Bridge, paying £40 per year rental to the Colony for the franchise. He might be called the father of Winchester, as, in 1640, he built and occupied the first house, on the site of the present Thompson estate next to the Post Office. He also established the first "cornne mill" on the site of the present Whitney mills previous to 1649, probably in 1641. This was the first business establishment in Winchester. At Woburn he was a selectman for 19 years, from 1644, when the first town officers were chosen. He was a deacon in the church from 1642 till his death in 1663, and represented the town at the General Court. For many years he was one of three commissioners "for ending small causes." (Trial Justice.) All the facts show that Convers was from his arrival on the shores of Massachusetts an influential man

in all enterprises which favored the extension and good government of the first settlements.

An interesting episode in the life of Edward Convers, displaying his independent and patriotic character, was his arrest for refusal to promulgate the King's letter in 1662. This missive asserted the King's supreme authority over the colonies, curtailing the liberties which the early settlers had hitherto enjoyed unmolested. Edward Convers was one of the most outspoken of the patriots and denounced the letter as an embodiment of Popery. He was summoned before the General Court in 1663 but was acquitted, as that body was composed of delegates fully sympathizing with the same views but not so outspoken.

We have seen that the peninsula which was called by the Indians, Mishawum—an eminently descriptive cognomen in their dialect—and which is known to us to-day as "Charlestown," was the site of the original settlement of that municipality. To this nucleus, tracts of territory in the interior were added, till the area of many present towns was covered, the name and jurisdiction of Charlestown overshadowing all. But the process of disintegration soon began. The old town of Woburn was the first to be set off in 1642. Charlestown, at length shorn of this and other external territory, has shrunk again to less than her original limits, and in the course of time has even lost her name sinking her ancient dignity and identity in that of her still younger sister and neighbor—Boston.

Posterity owes a great debt to the perseverance of the first seceders from Charlestown, especially to Edward Convers, the first settler in Waterfield. The silence and solitude of this forest home must have afforded a great contrast to him from the surroundings he had enjoyed in England, and those he had just left behind in the compact and comparatively active village of Charlestown. Gradually, however, the wilderness became a fertile land. The wild beasts were scattered, and plenty and comfort abounded.

Let us now consider the natural features of Waterfield, and the localities well known to the early settlers. These were Mistick Pond, Spot Pond, Horn Pond, Horn Pond River, Horn Pond Mountain, the Aberjona River, Rag Rock and Cheese Rock, all of which are now known by the same names, and appear on very early maps, even before the settlement of Woburn. And so appear Winter Pond and Wedge Pond, but not so distinctly defined. Mistick Pond in early times was considered to be sixty fathoms (360 feet) deep, and its neighbor, Fresh Pond in Cambridge, to be forty fathoms deep. How much this depth may be overstated, those who manage the municipal water works at those places best know. The fathers evidently believed them to be ponds of very deep water, and at that time they were stocked with myriads of fish, and people came long distances from Charlestown, Boston, and Cambridge, to catch them for food, and for manure for their lands.

The highway from Woburn to Mistick Bridge (Medford) passed through the centre of the present town of Winchester, and there is extant a report of the laying out of this way in 1660. It had, however, existed as a highway as early even as 1646, and evidently as early as the building of the first house upon it in 1640. It was described in part as the highway from "Woburn meeting house" to "Edward Convers's mill," and the "parting of the ways of the Converses and Richardsons, to their now dwelling houses" is mentioned. Through Winchester it ran "along upon a brow" until it came to a bridge, "made at a place called Half-Way Swamp." The bounds were "marked trees" on one or both sides, or in the middle of the way. The "mill-pond" and "corne mill" of Edward Con-

verse are mentioned in connection with this highway, also an "enclosure" belonging to him, and his "old orchard," and the "mill dam." The whole way was practically a forest path.

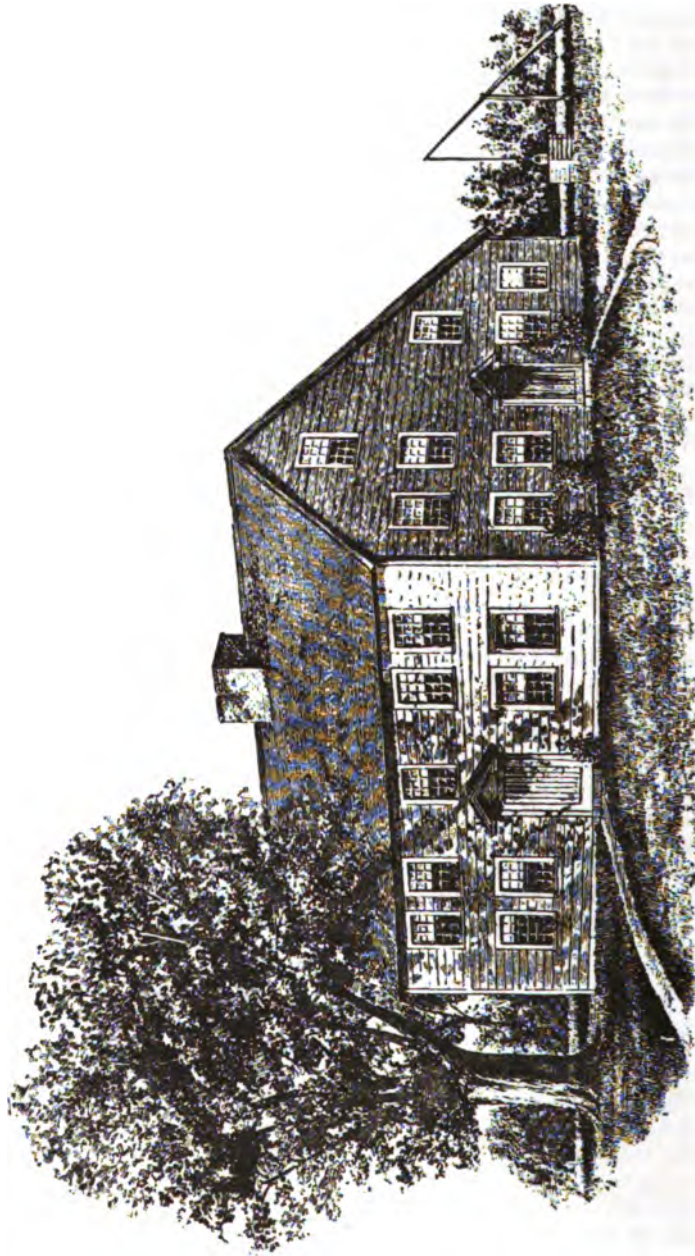
Let us now refer to the Woburn Town Records for some of the facts referring to the work of the early settlers. These records are dated 1640, although it has been seen that Woburn was not incorporated until 1642, the first town officers chosen in 1644, and the bounds established in 1650. It is now believed by the best authorities that these early records are made up of original, private memoranda of events, written by Edward Johnson, the first town clerk of Woburn (1644) and transferred to the town books at a later date. It will be noticed that they are written in the past tense, not the present. They are certainly the most complete and interesting record of early local history possessed by any city or town. Winchester should gladly contribute her proportionate share to preserve and publish these records.

On Feb. 10, 1640 (O. S.), "the first bridge was laid over the Aberjona River over against Edward Convers' house, and called "Could Bridg." The site of this bridge was at the present centre of Winchester, on the spot where the bridge now stands near Whitney's Mill Dam. It was called Cold Bridge probably because it was made in mid-winter, during severe weather. This spot was also called below the bridge "The King's Ford." A few days later forty persons came from Charlestown to the place where the village was to be located. These persons spent their time in marking trees and laying bridges, say the records, but the difficulties before them appeared so great and "the way being so plain backward, that divers never went forward again!"

It is further recorded "On the 25 of 6 mo. 1641. Things going heavily on and many Blocks in the way especially sum of their own company disheartening, this day was sett apart for humble seeking the Lord by fasting and prayer whom they found gracious in keeping upp the spirits of sum to the work." By the next entry (the next day) it seems that those whose "spirits" were kept "up to the work" engaged in an arduous undertaking: "26 of 6 mo. 1641: A Bridg was made across Horn Pond River; though the place was soe boggy it swallowed up much wood before it could be made pasable, yet it was finished and called Longe Bridg." The location of this bridge was, beyond doubt, on the ancient highway from Woburn to the Convers Mill, in the rear of the present house of Mr. Sullivan Cutter, in Winchester. This is proved beyond controversy by the results of recent research, by Mr. Arthur E. Whitney, Mr. W. R. Cutter, and others. (See Winchester Record, Vol. II, No. 3).

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Not much is known about the building of the first house. It was built during the year 1640, and on January 4, 1640 (O. S.), a meeting of the settlers was held in it. Its location was near the site of the house of the late Deacon Benjamin F. Thompson on Main Street, Winchester. It was on the easterly side of the road, and between the road and the river. His mill was on the opposite side of the road, now Whitney's mill. In 1702 this house was overshadowed by a large and shady elm, standing on the same side of the road with the house, and immediately in front of it, as is common with ancestral shade-trees. The tree was cut down about



EDWARD CONVERSE HOUSE, ERECTED 1640.

1841. Sewall speaks of this tree in his diary (1702). After the Convers occupation of this house for several generations, Abel Richardson, in 1744, became the owner of it, probably the same house built, owned, and occupied by the original Edward Convers. Abel Richardson, a soldier of the French and Revolutionary wars, died here at great age, in 1831, and in a few years his estate was sold. There is a description extant of this house as it appeared in 1798, and a picture of the same accompanies this sketch.

It was thirty five feet by thirty; area 1,050 square feet. There were nineteen windows, and one hundred and fifty five square feet of glass. The house was two stories in front and one in the rear. With the land only on which it stood, it was valued at six hundred and fifty dollars. The other buildings connected with the estate were an old wood house, a chaise house, a barn, and a grist mill. By 1841 the old house had disappeared, and it must, therefore, have stood about two hundred years.

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There is in the first volume of the Woburn town records a description of estates near the centre of Winchester, of date 1692 to 1699. These lands belonged to the Converses, and there is a description of other lands located in this part of Woburn of date also as early as the year 1673. We are unable to particularize here: but the familiar names of Horn Pond Hill, Horn Pond, Winter Pond, Wedge Pond, the Aberjona River, Blind Bridge, and Indian Hill are there mentioned. Waterfield, Rockfield, Cold Bridge, Long Bridge, and Elbow Hill have not retained their original names. Would it not be well to revive some of these in the future naming of public places? Blind Bridge, first named Long Bridge, had a greater vitality as a name than some of the above mentioned, and is familiar to the oldest citizens. Ridge Hill (near the site of the Unitarian Church) was the evident successor of Elbow Hill, and is remembered by persons now living, though the height itself has been levelled. Indian Hill, now Andrew's Hill, is mentioned in a deed of 1650, and this name appears in Edward Convers's inventory of 1663. Our "common" is mentioned in Edward Convers's will, 1659, and he expresses therein a wish for its continuance as such. Ridge Hill is mentioned in the inventory of a descendant of Edward Convers in 1767, and Wedge Pond Hill is another name common at this time.

In Winchester limits also were the farms of John Harvard, the minister from whom Harvard College was named, and of Thomas Graves, master of the first ship built in Boston, and afterwards rear-admiral under Cromwell. Here were the lots of the numerous and long lived family of the Richardsons, of the Converses, Carters, Gardners, Johnsons, Symmes, Nowells, and others. *The River* is mentioned in the early Charlestown grants of 1638; it is called *The Aberjona* in 1641.

In 1670 the tragic death of Samuel Convers, the son of Edward, occurred at the old Convers mill, from an injury caused by the water wheel (see Winchester Record, Vol. II, No. 1). This Samuel Convers left one son, who was the ancestor of the Hon. Edward S. Converse of Malden, conspicuous for his noble and charitable deeds.

Among the military heroes of the colonial period living in the limits of Winchester, were the following:

3. James Convers, Lieutenant. Died 1715, aged 95, — the last survivor of the signers of the Woburn town orders of 1640. He was a sergeant, 1658 to 1672; ensign, 1672 to 1688; and lieutenant, his highest military office, 1688 to 1715. He lived and died in a house built by Edward Convers, his father, on the site of the present Dodge House on Church Street.

4. James Convers, — son of the preceding, — Major. Died 1706, aged 61. Sergeant, 1674 to 1687; ensign, 1689; captain, 1689 to 1692; major, 1693 to 1706; he was a captain in the public service for three years in the war against the Eastern Indians in New Hampshire and Maine. With a very small force he defended Storer's Garrison at Wells, with slight loss, against a much superior force of French and Indians, withstanding a siege of several days. This memorable action occurred in 1692. Cotton Mather immortalized it in his great history of New England, and Convers, for his gallant conduct and bravery, was made a major in 1693. He was associated at one time in his Eastern career with the celebrated Colonel Benjamin Church, and succeeded Church as commander of the Massachusetts forces in Maine, operating against the Indians and French. His house was the one occupied by his father, before referred to. He married the daughter of Capt. John Carter.

5. Samuel Convers, Sergeant, 1669. Accidentally killed at his father's mill 1669-70.

A few interesting military events of the period are as follows: In 1691, the selectmen of Woburn appointed "Lieut. James Convers and Sergt. Matthew Johnson to seek out to procure a supply of ammunition, according to law, for the town." This was in response to an order from the higher powers, and a desire to avoid the imputation of negligence,— for in 1680, the town, failing to observe strictly the law regarding ammunition, had been fined, and this fine was remitted on the petition of Lieut. William Johnson and James Convers and the promise to be "more observant" in the future.

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Some of the military men of this locality before the American Revolution were Josiah Convers, captain, 1706 to 1717; Robert Convers, captain, 1726 to 1736; Samuel Carter, captain of cavalry, commissioned 1744 (died 1787, aged 92 years); Samuel Belknap, Senior, captain and lieutenant, 1748 to 1752; Jabez Carter, captain and lieutenant, 1748 to 1771; Ebenezer Convers, captain and lieutenant 1753 to 1764; John Carter, lieutenant, 1700 to 1727; William Belknap, lieutenant, 1762 to 1767; Josiah Convers, ensign, 1714 to 1726 (died 1748); Daniel Reed, ensign, 1747 to 1755.

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From 1834 to 1836 Winchester, near the crossing of the Boston & Lowell Railroad at Main Street, — ancient as the first settlement of the region — was called the "Woburn Gates," because gates were closed when trains were passing. The original scheme of the railway connecting Boston and Lowell did not contemplate any provision for business at this place, and no depot was built. Passengers had to walk to Walnut Hill and pay \$1 fare to Boston. The building first used

as a station was a small shoemaker's shop, about 10 by 15, which answered every purpose, till the increase of the village rendered a larger building necessary. This depot was opposite Lyceum Hall; a second and third building were erected here, each larger than its predecessor. In 1872, after bitter opposition, the depot site was fixed at the present location. For two years after the opening of the railroad, few changes were observed. But there was a man whose eagle eye saw the advantages of South Woburn for business and the probability of the founding of a new town. This was Samuel Steele Richardson, a large manufacturer of shoes in Woburn, and then considered a rich man.

When he went to South Woburn in 1836, it was "a small place with a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, and a little grocery store; Cutter's mill was grinding corn and beginning to saw mahogany. The old Abel Richardson mill was toppling over with age, the roof falling in, and the millstones sunk in the stream below. The cars had been running two years." (Sketch of S. S. Richardson, by Nathaniel A. Richardson, in *Woburn Journal*, Dec. 17, 1886.)

He obtained possession of the ancient Convers mill site, and of a large tract of land adjoining it, and repaired or entirely rebuilt the old mill and built several dwelling-houses, and a shoe factory, where the Lyceum Hall afterwards stood. He also purchased the Black Horse tavern and farm.

In 1837, however, having speculated in eastern lands too extensively, he became financially embarrassed, and the interests of the new village suffered. His place, however, was taken by a man of still greater financial ability, and one of the most efficient promoters of the future prosperity and distinctive character of Winchester. This was Benjamin F. Thompson, brother of the well-known General Abijah Thompson of Woburn, who had lived at the Centre. Like his brother he had begun business in a small way, removing to the South village in 1837 or 1838, to the old Convers mill. After a time he purchased land and built a tannery, now Philip Waldmyer's.

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HISTORICAL TABLETS.

The following inscriptions marked historic sites in the town of Winchester at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the first white settlement:

SITE OF FIRST HOUSE.

Built in 1640 by Edward Convers, who was the leader of the first party sent out by Charlestown to explore "Waterfield." Selectman 24 years; Deacon 19 years; arrested in 1662 for speaking disrespectfully of the King's Letter; one of a committee, to set the bounds between Charlestown and Woburn in 1650.

Located on Thompson Estate next Post office.

FIRST MEETING OF SETTLERS.

"4 of 11 mo. 1640. Meeting in Edward Convers house in which many persons were admitted to set down their dwellings in this town, yet being shallow of brains fell off afterwards."—*Johnson's Records*.

Located next Post-Office.

SITE OF COLD BRIDGE.

"10 of 12 mo. 1640. The first bridg was laid over the Aberjona River over against Edward Convars hous and called Could Bridg."—*Johnson's Records*.

Located at bridge near Whitney's Mill Dam.

SITE OF THE "CONVERS CORNE-MILL."

Built previous to 1640, probably in 1641. Abel Richardson Mill, 1774.

Located at Whitney's Mill.

SITE OF MAJOR JAMES CONVERS HOUSE, 1645-1706.

A brave Indian fighter. Commander of Massachusetts troops in Maine, 1690; Deputy to General Court 11 years; Speaker of the House 3 years; Selectman of Woburn 4 years; Town Clerk of Woburn 9 years.

Located at Dodge Estate, Church Street.

Records of Military Service, prior to the Revolution, of persons bearing the Name of Converse.

From the Archives of Massachusetts, the printed records of Connecticut and New Hampshire, and from other sources. A reference to volume and folio only, indicates Massachusetts Archives. The references in brackets following name are to this book.

EBENEZER CONVERSE:

Ensign 1748, Lieutenant, 1753-1764. [Captain-lieutenant 1756 and 1757. Cutter: in History of Middlesex.]

EDWARD CONVERSE: [No. 14, see page 34.]

Confirmed as Ensign in the 2d company or trainband of Killingly by the Conn. General Assembly, May, 1744. (Colonial Rec. of Conn., Vol. 9, fo. 11.) Established as Ensign of the 7th company or trainband, 11th regiment militia, Oct. 1755. (Vol. 10, fo. 541.) Commissioned as Captain same company and regiment, Oct. 1761. (Vol. 11, fo. 580.) Appears as Captain of militia in Killingly Oct. 1762. (Vol. 12, fo. 83.)

JAMES CONVERSE: [No. 3, page 7.]

Sergeant of the trainband 1658. Confirmed as Ensign of the foot company at Woburn commanded by Capt. John Carter, 15 May 1672. (Mass. Records, Vol. 4, part 2, fo. 516.) He was holding this rank at the outbreak of King Philip's War, in the company at Woburn belonging to the Middlesex regiment commanded by Major Daniel Gookin. Lieutenant, in the trainband or foot company at Woburn from 1688, died 10 May 1715. (Woburn records.)

JAMES CONVERSE (Convers): [No. 7, page 17.]

Sergeant in the Woburn company 1674-87. (Woburn records.) Ensign 1689. Commissioned Captain, 23 Aug. 1689, of one of seven companies voted for an expedition against the Eastern enemy, and was in active service in 1689, 90, 91, 92, 99, 1704. (Archives, Vol. 70, fo. 160; 81, fo. 225, 459.) Referred to as Major in 1705. (Archives, Vol. 71, fo. 177.) Commissioned Major 1693. One of three commissioners to the governors of Connecticut and Rhode Island, in regard to assistance in the war, 1704. (Vol. 81, fo. 473.)

JAMES CONVERS (Convars):

On a list of names of men impressed in Woburn early winter of 1675 for company to be commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Davenport. His name does not appear on the company roll of Feb. 1676. (Bodge, page 172.)

JAMES CONVERSE (Converse):

Member of company of militia commanded by Capt. Jabez Upham which marched to Kinderhook upon the alarm of August 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry. Probably a company of troopers, as horses were supplied by the men. Served 17 days from 9 August including delay of one day at Kinderhook. Travelled 225 miles out and home. (Vol. 96, fo. 2.)

JAMES CONVERSE:

Confirmed as Ensign in the 7th Company or trainband, 5th regiment, May 1750. (Colonial records of Conn., Vol. 9, fo. 519.)

JESSE CONVERSE:

Commissioned as Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 11th regiment militia, May 1764. (Colonial records of Conn., Vol. 12, fo. 249.)

JESSE CONVERSE: [Page 33.]

Served as Centinel in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Buckminster, from 6 to 20 August 1748, which, at the order of Lt. Gov. Phipps (at request of Gen. Joseph Dwight to reenforce the hard pressed garrisons at Fort Dummer and No. 4), did service on the western frontier in that vicinity, especially at Fort Dummer. (Vol. 92, fo. 132,— also see History of Charlestown, N. H.)

JESSE CONVERSE: [Page 33.]

Entered the service of New Hampshire 26 April and served until 16 October 1758 in a company commanded by Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell (son of the Lovewell slain at Pigwacket) in the regiment commanded by Col. John Hart. A part of this regiment was sent to Louisburgh, the remainder did service upon the western frontiers. (Adj.-General's Report, New Hampshire, Vol. 2, 1866, page 214.)

JOHN CONVERSE: [Probably No. 11, page 32.]

Styled Sergeant on Woburn records in 1707.

JOHN CONVERSE: [No. 18, page 43.]

Of Woburn, served as Centinel in a company commanded by Capt. Samuel Willard, from 28 August to 28 October 1725. Willard's was a company of volunteers. (Vol. 91, fo. 176.) It was in May of this year that Capt. John Lovewell's command seeking Indian scalps came to so disastrous an end at Pigwacket. Many Woburn men were with Lovewell. To encourage volunteers to enlist against the Indian enemy the General Court offered four shillings a day and a bounty of £100 for every scalp. Several volunteer companies were raised; all the men enlisting, however, were not actuated simply by the desire to win scalp money; this plan at the time was a desperate attempt to provide defenders for the frontiers.

JOHN CONVERSE:

A member of the militia company commanded by Lt. James Whipple, Col. Artemas Ward's regiment, which upon the Alarm of August 1757 marched from Grafton to Westfield, 16 August and served 12 1/3 days. (Vol. 95, fo. 544.)

JOHN CONVERSE:

A resident of Stoneham, is reported as enlisting 29 Feb. 1760 and mustered 8 March. From Col. William Brattle's regiment militia, and aged 50 years. (Vol. 98, fo. 131.)

JOSEPH CONVERSE (Convers):

Reported as enlisted 18 June and serving until 11 Nov. 1725 in a company commanded by Capt. Samuel Jordan; served as Centinel. (Vol. 91, fo. 197.)

JOS. CONVERSE (Conyers*):

This name appears on a list of men belonging to a company commanded by Capt. David Dickenson in the 12th regiment who were pressed — evidently to march on the Alarm of August 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry. (Conn. Historical Soc. [Conn. French War Rolls], Vol. 9, page 258.)

JOSHUA CONVERSE: [see page 32].

Of Woburn, served as Centinel in the company commanded by Capt. Eleazer Tyng, entered the service 29 May and served until 3 Nov. 1725. (Vol. 91, fo. 194.) This company proceeded at once to the scene of Lovewell's fight and cared for the bodies of the slain. During the remainder of the term of enlistment the company did duty as scouts, etc.

JOSHUA CONVERSE:

Enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. John Slapp of Mansfield, Conn., in the regiment commanded by Col. Phineas Lyman, one of fourteen companies raised by a vote of February 1757 to join the regular troops under command of the Earl of Loudon for the reduction of Canada. In October three companies from this regiment were retained for service during the winter. Therefore Converse probably served until or into October, though the end of his term of enlistment is not given; he enlisted 1 April, 1757. (Conn. Historical Society Collections, Vol. 9, page 184.)

JOSHUA CONVERSE:

A member of the militia company commanded by Capt. Joshua Fuller in Col. William Brattle's regiment, which marched 16 August, 1757, from Cambridge to Springfield upon the Alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry. He served fourteen days. (Vol. 95, fo. 377.)

JOSIAH CONVERSE: [No. 6, page 17.]

A trooper in 2d troop Lower Middlesex regiment under command of Capt. William Green, of Woburn 1689. (Vol. 81, fo. 58.) A trooper (from Woburn) who attended the Commissioners to Connecticut and Rhode Island in 1703. (Vol. 81, fo. 485-87.) Styled Lieutenant 1693-1706. (Woburn records.) Captain from 1706 to death 15 July 1717. (Woburn records.) Probably Captain of the local company.

*Queried by editor of Conn. French War Rolls.

JOSIAH CONVERSE: [No. 12, page 32.]

Ensign of the Woburn company, 1714-1726. (Town records.)

JOSIAH CONVERSE: [see No. 19, page 44.]

Confirmed as Lieutenant of the 7th company or trainband in the 5th regiment May 1750. (Conn. Colonial Records, Vol. 9, fo. 519.)

JOSIAH CONVERSE: [Probably No. 38, page 82.]

Volunteered out of the South regiment of Militia in Hampshire County (Vol. 94, fo. 1) and served as private from 15 September to 10 December 1755 in the company commanded by Capt. Ebenezer Moulton in Col. Pomeroy's regiment in expedition against Crown Point. He is stated to be of Brimfield, son of Josiah Converse; that he served 28 days before marching; was allowed 13 days travel, eight days travel from Albany. (Vol. 94, fo. 45.)

JUDE CONVERSE: [Page 33.]

Enlisted 6 August and served until the 20th August 1748; same record of service as Jesse Converse. (Vol. 92, fo. 132.)

LUKE CONVERSE (Convas, Convers): [No. 33, page 79.]

Of Leicester, at which place he was born. He enlisted out of the militia company commanded by Capt. Brown, in Col. Chandler's Worcester County regiment as a volunteer (elsewhere said to have been impressed out of the Worcester County regiment, Vol. 94, fo. 216) and at a date subsequent to April 20th entered the company commanded by Capt. John Stebbins, in Col. Timothy Ruggles' regiment in which company he was serving at Fort Edward 26 July 1756, his age being 23, his occupation a carpenter. (Vol. 94, fo. 357.) He is returned as Corporal on a roll dated 11 October 1756 at Fort William Henry, same company but after Aug. 18 commanded by Capt. William Humphrys. (Vol. 94, fo. 496.) The following year he marched with the men impressed out of the militia company commanded by Capt. Oliver Witt, in Col. Chandler's regiment, and under said Witt's command from Leicester to Sheffield, serving from 10 to 18 August 1757 and had travel allowance of 98 miles. This was the Alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry. (Vol. 95, fo. 537.)

ROBERT CONVERSE: [Page 23.]

Styled Captain on Woburn records at death, 20 July, 1736. Probably Captain of the local company.

ROBERT CONVERSE: [No. 34, page 80.]

Of Leicester, was in company commanded by Capt. Oliver Witt which marched on the Alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry in August 1757; same service as Luke Converse on this occasion. (Vol. 95, fo. 537.) He enlisted 10 April 1758 and served until the 7 Nov. 1758 in company commanded by Capt. Stephen Maynard, in regiment of Col. William Williams which was at Forts Edward and William Henry. On one roll he is called of Spencer, on the others as of Leicester. His enlistment is also given as 12 April. (Vol. 96, fo. 414, 463.)

SAMUEL CONVERSE: [No. 5, page 9.]

Styled Sergeant on local records, 1669. Was probably Sergeant of the local foot company in Woburn.

SAMUEL CONVERSE:

Described as a resident of Woodstock; enlisted 31 March and served until 3 December 1760 in company commanded by Capt. Daniel McFarland. Allowed 120 miles travel home. (Vol. 98, fo. 301.) He was a young man, a member of the family of Matthew Bowen.

ZEBULON CONVERSE (Converss):

Described as of Bedford, entered the service 25 March and served until 15 November 1762 in company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Edwards who is stated to have been in his Majesty's regular forces in America in a regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Jotham Gay or Lt. Col. Joseph Goldthwait. (Vol. 99, fo. 208.) He was a member of the family of Josiah Fitch.

Appendix 5.

**SOME RECORDS OF CONVERS, CONVERSE, ETC.,
THUS FAR FOUND IN ENGLAND AND
FRANCE.**

Some Records of Convers, Converse, etc., thus far found in England and France.

At the inception of this book, which was designed to give the American history of certain branches of the Converse family and of some allied families, the author did not contemplate including foreign ancestry, as the family history in this country proved to be so voluminous as to require his entire attention, and so absorbing as to obscure in interest the uncertain conditions attending much foreign research in genealogy. Yet, for the convenience of readers who have not ready access to genealogical libraries and as possible bases for future searches, it is thought best briefly to include such foreign records as have appeared in print together with some results of researches which have not hitherto been published. Two accounts of the origin of the family have been printed, one in the History of Rindge, N. H., and one in Family History of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse by Mr. William G. Hill. The following is from the History of Rindge.*

The original seat of the Converse family was in Navarre, France, from whence was Roger de Coigniers who emigrated to England near the end of the reign of William the Conqueror, and to whom the Bishop of Durham gave the constableness of Durham. Among his descendants, Conyers of Horden, Durham, was created a baronet July 14, 1628. Sir Humphry, the eighth generation, wrote the name Coigniers, and Sir Christopher, the twentieth generation, adopted the orthography of Conyers. In Navarre, in the sixteenth century, the residence of a family of this name was known as the Chateau de Coigniers.



Those bearing the name were Huguenots or French Protestants. In the massacre on St. Bartholomew's day, in 1572, many of this family fell victims to the rage of the Papists, and Pierre Coigniers, who was attached to the Court of Henry IV of France, having witnessed the assassination of his kinsman, Admiral Coligny, and fearful of his own safety, escaped with his wife and two infants to England, and settled in the County of Essex, where his son married a lady of considerable possessions in that and an adjoining county. It was Ralph, a son of this marriage, who

*History of the Town of Rindge, New Hampshire, from the date of the Rowley Canada or Massachusetts Charter to the present time, 1736-1874, with a Genealogical Register of the Rindge Families by Ezra S. Stearns. Boston, George H. Ellis, 1875. pp. 483 *et seq.*

was created a baronet by King Charles II. From the same locality there possibly were other emigrations of members of this family to England, where the name was naturally changed to Conyers, corresponding with the English pronunciation, and members of the family still spell the name in this manner, while others in the change of a single letter have taken the name of Converse. From some of these emigrations to England is descended the Converse family of this country. The name was spelled Converse for several generations after the emigration to New England.

The Coat of Arms of Coigniers, Conyers, and Converse, is essentially the same, which sustains the tradition that all are of a common origin. The engraving which stands at the head of this paragraph was taken from an illustration received through the kindness of Rev. J. K. Converse of Burlington, Vt. It presents the emblems of heraldry which for many generations have been associated with the family name, and is read as follows: Arms. Argent, upon a Bend Sable between two Maunches Azure, Trefoils. On Crest an Arm in Armor out of a Mural Crown Gold. The term argent represents that the shield is white, and sable that the bend or belt is black: the bend is a scarf of honor given for courage in battle, the trefoils are emblems of the Trinity, and were bestowed for service in the maintenance of the Church: the maunches or empty sleeves were added to the Arms of those who had been celebrated in the councils of the sovereign: the mural crown represents a battlement, and was bestowed on those who first mounted the walls and there lodged a standard: and the motto, *In Deo solo confido*, "In God alone I trust." *Vide, Baronets of England*, London 1729; and *Dictionnaire de la Noblesse France et Navarre*.

The following is a brief abstract from Family Record of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse compiled by William G. Hill, Malden, Mass., privately printed, 1887. Mr. Hill stated that he had received certified copies of the church registers of both Wakerly and Blaston, England, and other information, which confirmed him in the opinion and belief that Edward Converse of Wakerly, County of Northampton, England, born 30 January 1590, husband of Jane Clarke, and son of Christopher and Mary (Halford) Conyers was no other than Deacon Edward Converse of Woburn, and on this basis gives the following line of descent:

ROGER¹ DE COIGNERIES, of Coigneries, France and Durham, England; born about 1010; was one of the chieftains of William the Conqueror, and as such accompanied him in his invasion of England, and was with him in the Battle of Hastings.

ROGER² DE COIGNERIES of Durham, England, to whom Bishop Ralph Flambard of Ranulph gave the manor of Rungstan in Yorkshire between 1099 and 1126.

ROGER³ DE CONIERS, 1134-1174; of Durham, England; Baron of the bishopric of Durham and Lord of Bishopton.

GALFRID⁴ CONYERS, Lord of Sockburn and Bishopton, 1213-1238.

JOHN⁵ CONYERS, Sockburn, England.

SIR HUMPHREY⁶ CONYERS, Sockburn, England.

SIR JOHN⁷ CONYERS, Sockburn, England.

ROGER⁸ CONYERS, Sockburn, England.

SIR JOHN⁹ CONYERS, Sockburn, England; died 1395.

ROBERT¹⁰ CONYERS, Sockburn, England; born 1371; died 1433.

JOHN¹¹ CONYERS, Hornby, England.

SIR CHRISTOPHER¹² CONYERS, Hornby, England.

SIR JOHN¹³ CONYERS, of Hornby Castle; sheriff of the shire; governor of the castle at York; in 1460 joined Richard, Duke of York, against the King.

SIR JOHN¹⁴ CONYERS, of Hornby, England; Knight of the Order of the Garter; died 1490.

REGINALD¹⁵ CONYERS, Wakerly, England; died 1514.

RICHARD¹⁶ CONYERS, Wakerly, England.

CHRISTOPHER¹⁷ CONYERS, Wakerly, England, baptized 1552.

EDWARD¹⁸ CONYERS, born 1590; died 1663.

In his book Mr. Hill pictures the de Coigneries arms thus:— azure, a maunch surrounded by seven cross-crosslets, both argent; crest, a dexter hand grasping a broken spear, proper:— around which the legend — SIGILLUM: ROGERI: DE CONNERIS—.

The arms of Conyers of Sockburn he pictures thus: azure, a maunch or: crest, an eagle's wing gules: supporters, two lions: motto, *Ung diew, ung roy* (One God, one King).

The arms of the family of Conyers of Sockburn which he states should be accepted as of the most ancient date are azure, a maunch or: crest, on a wreath a demi-vol, gules.

The following is reprinted from *Genealogical Gleanings** in England by Henry F. Waters, A.M., Boston, 1901, published in two volumes by The New England Historic Genealogical Society.†

A final concord was made between Richard Grene, *quer.*, and WILLIAM CONYERS, *deforc.*, about three acres of arable land with the appurtenances in Navestock, the consideration being forty pounds sterling.
Feet of Fines, Co. of Essex, Easter Term, 36th Elizabeth.

Will of THOMAS CONYERS, of Westmersey, Co. Essex, yeoman, 9 May 1599, proved 11 January 1599. To my sons Thomas and Edward Conyers all my lands and tenements, whatsoever they be in this realm of England, towards the education and bringing up of my children &c. To my son John Conyers ten score pounds out of the lands &c. in two years after he shall accomplish the full age of twenty one years, provided if my said son shall happen to enjoy by inheritance one cottage and orchard (copyhold) in Chesson (Cheshunt?) in Co. Herts, then he to have but nine score pounds. To my daughters Lettes, Katren and Frances Conyers fifty pounds each in one year after marriage or at the age of twenty four years.

My son Thomas Conyers to be executor and son Edward to be supervisor.

Commissary Court, Essex and Herts.

WILLIAM CONYERS of Layndon, Essex, husbandman, 15 June 1607, proved 17 July 1607. To my son William ten pounds at the age of twenty one years. To my daughters Agnes and Joane Conyers thirty pounds each at the age of eighteen years. To my mother Joane Conyers three pounds if she will depart from my wife and not be at her keeping. To the poor of Layndon ten shillings, and to the poor of Ramsden Bellhouse three shillings and four pence. To my wife Agnes Conyers all my goods and chattels &c. and she to be executrix. My brother John Conyers to be overseer and I give to him ten shillings.
Com. Court, Essex and Herts.

*Pp. 237, 1030.

†Reprinted from the New England Historical Genealogical Register.

JOHN CONVERS of Basildon, Essex, yeoman, 5 May 1614, proved 6 June 1614. He mentions wife Elizabeth, three daughters Joane, Elizabeth and Lydia Convers, son in law William Pullen (and his brother Thomas Pullen), sister Ruth, and cousin Robert Vyncent.

Com. Court, Essex and Herts.

ALLEN CONVERS of Southweald in the County of Essex, yeoman, 3 January 1636, proved at Brentwood 28 June 1639. To the poor of the upland of Southweald the sum of twenty shillings to be paid to the overseers of the said pariah &c. within one month next after my decease. To Elizabeth my wife all my house and land in Navestock and Stanford Ryvers, for the term of her natural life, and after her decease to my son Gabriel Convers and to his heirs forever. To Elizabeth, my wife, all my house & land in Fyfield alias Fyfed for term of her natural life, and after her decease to my son Daniel and to his heirs forever according to a deed of feoffment. To my son Andrew the sum of four pounds a year for the term of five years, to be paid unto him by my son Daniel, the first payment to begin at the second feast of St. Michael the Archangel next after my decease, and so from year to year until the said term of five years be expired. I give and bequeath to Richard Convers, my son, other four pounds a year, &c., to be paid unto him by my son Daniel in manner & form as aforesaid. To Anne Shelton, my daughter, the sum of forty shillings a year &c. &c. To Hester Skynner my daughter other forty shillings a year &c.

Item I give & bequeath to Edward my son the sum of five shillings to be paid unto him by my executrix. To my son Gabriel the sum of five shillings &c. To my son Daniel five shillings. To my son Andrew five pounds, to be paid him within two years after my decease. To Richard my son the sum of ten pounds, to be paid within one year after my decease. To Anne Shelton my daughter five pounds within two years &c. To Richard and Gabriel my sons one great brass pot and one caldron between them and to take them after the decease of Elizabeth my wife. Other personal property to daughter Hester Skynner. All the rest of my said goods, not bequeathed nor given away, to Elizabeth my wife whom I make executrix &c., to pay such legacies as I have bequeathed and given away and to see my body buried in a decent and comely manner. Wit: Samuel Luckin, Thomas Osborne.

Archdeaconry of Essex, 56 Whitehead.

JOHN CONUERS *(place not stated) 2 November 1653, proved 1 May 1654. Wife Susannah Conuers to be executrix. To my daughter Lucy Conuers, the daughter of my late wife Lucy, deceased, the money that will be due to her by the death of her grandmother and also the money that is due to her by the death of her brother Thomas, now lying in the hands of Mr. Edward Bushell, merchant, also this little ring upon my finger and all the plate marked with her own mother's mark and mine. To my son John this seal ring upon my finger. To my loving friend Capt. John Fox five pounds (for a ring) and he to be my overseer and also my lawful attorney to receive all my debts in Virginia and to dispose of this my cargo of goods in the ship called the Thomas and Anne, amounting to three hundred seventy nine pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, and three servants, amounting to thirty pounds; which is in all 409*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* as you may find by Invoice and by Bill of Lading: these goods are upon the Accompt of Mr. William Lowfield, Mr. John Cutling and Mr. John Conuers. Also I do allow my friend Capt. John Fox to choose another attorney, or more, to help him to manage this business and to allow him salary after ten per cent. Provisions about cases of waters, wine &c. My desire is that you will allow my wife for the service of Geroniah what you shall please, for he hath been a very chargeable servant to me, and if he should return home again he would prove a very chargeable servant to my executrix &c. Therefore I shall desire you to dispose of him to Mr. Henry Lee of York River, for he will be a fit master.

*24 June 1636. The Privy Council write to the Governor and Council of Virginia enclosing petition of John Woodall, who deserves encouragement for his chargeable and constant adventures in that plantation. They are to put his new agent, John Convers, in possession of the petitioners' estate. Calendar of State Papers-Colonial, Vol. 1, page 238. E. P.

for him. Twenty shillings to Mrs. Elizabeth Fox (for a ring). To my sister Mary Jordaine eleven shillings piece of gold and to her children twelve pence apiece. To my brother William Conuers' children twelve pence apiece. To my "Cozen Garman" Anthony Phillips a piece of eight to buy him a pair of gloves. To Geromiah Rawlings my old black suit and one pair of grey breeches with fancies, one russet cloth coat in my cabin and two old casters, one pair of boots and spurs. I give Judah as much cotton out of my chest as will make her a petticoat and also two of my fowl shirts. I give to the Capt. and his two mates and to the three men in the cabin and the minister and his wife a case of sack and every one of them a pair of Cordivant gloves out of my great chest in the hold, to be had at the day of my burial; and the "seaymen" a case of waters, out of my eight, to be "dranke" amongst them on that day. *Alchin, 389.*

[The will was proved by Susanna Convers, the executrix named in the will. I could not discover to what parish the testator belonged, for the Probate Act Books for the years 1652-1654 (inclusive) are missing. The servant "Geroniah" was, I suppose, the Geromiah Rawlings afterwards mentioned in the will, and whose name (Jeremie Rawlins) appears among the witnesses. —H. F. Waters.]

The following appeared in the New England Historical Genealogical Register for April 1905, communicated thereto by J. Henry Lea, Esq.:

Admon. of EDWARD CONVERS. 3 May 1622, commission issued to Anne Convers, relict of Edward Convers, late of Eastmersey, co. Essex, deceased, to adm^r the goods &c. of the said deceased. P. C. C. Admon. Act Bk., 1618-22, fo. 173.

This is probably the son Edward mentioned in the will of Thomas Convers of Westmersey, whose will, in Commissary of Essex and Herts in 1599, was printed by Mr. Waters.* If so, it removes him from the possibility of being the Edward of Charlestown, Mass., in 1631.

In the wills which follow, I think we have probably located the common family of Edward and Allen Converse in the region of Essex, South of Ongar. All the towns named lie within a radius of five or six miles.

Will of JOHAN COMFERS, of Stapilford Abbot, co. Essex, widow (Latin). Dated 1 December 1487. I desire to be buried in the parish churchyard of Stapilford Abbot. I bequeath to the High Altar, 16d. I give to the said church, one cow, that my name may be put in "le bederoll" there; and to keep a light before the image of St. Christopher in the said church. I give to the restoration of Pyssingforth Bridge, 3s. 4d. Item, to each of my godchildren, 4d. To each of my sons, 20d. Residuary legatee: John Cowmfers my son, for the maintenance of my mother so long as she lives. Executors: my said son and William Balle. Witn: Sir John Dowde, rector of the said church; Thomas Ganne, chaplain; Richard Walenger, layman. Proved 27 February in the year above said by the executors. Arch. Essex, Winterborne, 92.

Will of ROBERTE CONVERSE, of Lamborne, co. Essex. Dated 21 January 1547[-8]. I desire to be buried in the parish churchyard of Lamborne. I bequeath to the High Altar there, 12d. To the making of the highway, 40s., which is in the hands of Roberte Dorraunte. I give to Margery Grave, my bed that I lie on. To Katerine Grave, a black cow bullock. Item, to every one of my godchildren, 4d. I bequeath 10s. to ten of the poorest householders of this parish. To Robert my son, my best cote and to Bedill, my frise cote. I give to John Este's wife, a mantillfrise gowne. To Besse that is my servant, a black kirtle. I give to William Convers my son, my hay, my corn and my cattle, if he will be content to make a deed of release to Robert Convers my son of two

* Gleanings, vol. I, p. 237.

crofts called Whellers and Stockes immediately. Item, to John Pickeman 5s. Executors: the said John Pyckeman and my son William. Witn: Robert Dorrant, John Pickemorn, scrivener, Law, preeste, and other moo. (No probate act.) Arch. Essex, Bastwick, 93.

Will of WILLIAM CONVERS, of Stapulford Abbott, co. Essex, yeman. Dated 20 April 1555 I bequeath to the high altar, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d. I give to the poor, to be distributed at my burial, 40s. I give my house [? in] Collyard Rroo in the dominion of Havering at Bowre, called Gouldsmythes, with all my lands thereto belonging, to William Converse the younger, my nevyne and son of Edward Convers my sonne, late deceased; also all the house I now dwell in called Watters, lying in Stapulford Abbot, and one rood of mede in Lamborne, to enjoy the same, both free and copyhold at his full age of 20 years after my decease and not before. I bequeath to John Harrod and Anne his wife, a lease of 20 years in the foresaid house called Gouldsmythes, afterwards referred to as for 21 years, at a yearly rent of 31li., until the said William Convers the younger come to his full age of 21. If the said William die without issue, I bequeath the premises called Gouldsmythes to Anne Harrod, my daughter, she paying to my daughter Joan of London and her heirs, 40li.; and the land in Lamborne to Margaret Mayster my daughter, she paying 30li. to Joan Grene my daughter, and 20li. to Margaret Convers, my son Edward's daughter at her marriage. I will that 10li. be bestowed upon the highways between Pissingforth Bridge and Mr. Taverner's house. I give to Elizabeth Convers, widow, 5li. To William Convers her son, 10li. at his age of 21. To Margaret her daughter, 40s. on her marriage. I bequeath to Margaret Mayster my daughter, 5 li., to William her son, 10li. and to John and Edward her sons, 40s. apiece at their full ages. I give to Jone my daughter, 5 li., to Peter and Edward her sons, 40s. apiece at their ages of 21. To Amie, my daughter, 5li.; to her son, 40s. at his full age of 21 and to her daughters, 40s. apiece on their days of marriage. To Jane my daughter and her three daughters, 40s. apiece. Item, to my brother John, 40s. To his wife 20s. To each of his children, 6s. 8d. I give to Elizabeth Skynner, my sister's daughter, 20s. To William Allbeard, 5li. Exors: John Mavster of Stapulford Abbot and John Harwarde of Collye Roe, my sonne in Lawys. Overseers: Rycharde Grene of Stanford Ryvers and Thomas Henningwaye of London, my other sonne in Lawe. Witn: Robert Lewys, clerke, Richard Godfery, John Pesse, Thomas Luckinge, John Porter, Arthur Rede, John Clake and Robarte Hachbottyll.

The 9th May 1555 William Convers surrendered up all his copyhold land, holden of the manor of Stapulford Abbot, into the hands of Rycharde Godferye and John Pesse, tenants to the said ordship, in the presence of Arthur Redfor the bayle, to the use of the will.

(No probate act.)

Arch. Essex, Lupton, 77.

Will of JOHN CUMBERS,* of Stamforde Rivers, co. Essex, yeoman. Dated 6 August 1574 I bequeath my body to be entered within the churchyard of Stamforde Rivers aforesaid. I give to the poor of Stamforde Rivers, 2s. I will that Joan my wife shall enjoy all my copyhold lands in Navestocke during the term of ten years upon consideration she shall bring up my children in the fear of God, at the end of which term they shall remain to Allyn Cumbers my son, and after his entrance he shall pay unto Thomas Combes my son, 40s., to Anthony as much the second year following, and as much in successive years to John, Geffery and William severally. If any of my said sons die before his part be due to him, his part shall remain to John (and) Alline only. I give to my dafter Jane, 10li. at her marriage or age of 21, also a cupboard lying in the parlor, a cradle and a new mortar. Item, to my son Allyne, a great brass pot now in my house at Navestocke. I will that my wife shall pay each of my sons, 20s. at their age of 21. I bequeath to the poor of Navestocke, 3s. 4d. Residuary legatee: my wife. Exors: William Somner of Harlow, yeoman, and

* Indexed as John Combers *als.* Convers.

Joane my wife. Overseer: Richard Dewset of Northwilde. Witn: Rob. Dowset, Morgane Williams, curate ther. Proved 5 October 1574, by the executors named. Arch. Essex, Gyll, 54.

Will of JOHN CUMBERS, of Highe Onger, co. Essex, husbandman. (*Undated.*) I desire to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of High Onger. I bequeath to William my son, 6li. 13s. 4d. and a mare colte, at his age of 21. I give to Mary and Parnell my daughters, the like sum at their several ages of 21. Residuary legatee: my wife Cateren. Exors: William Stane and Richard Barryat. Witn: Rd. Pole, John Lykyris, Thomas Bowes, Harry Y. . . gowlle. Proved 15 July 1577, by the executors named. Arch. Essex, Gyll, 150.

Admon. of JOHN CONVERS *alias* COMBERS. 25 January 1580[-1], administration of the goods &c. of John Convers *alias* Combers, late of Horndon on the Hill, deceased, granted to Thomas Convers *alias* Combers, brother of the deceased. Arch. Essex, Act Bk. II, 121.

Will of RICHARD COMBER, of Chawdwell, co. Essex, husbandman. Dated 6 August 1584. I give to the poorest people of the said parish, 10s. To the poor of Southfleet in Kent, 3s. 4d. I bequeath to John Comber my son, 3li. 6s. 8d. To William my son, 10li. Item, to my daughters Anne and Elizabeth, 10li. apiece. All which legacies to my children I will shall be paid immediately after the decease of Agnes my wife, whom I make my executrix, and to whom I give all the residue of my goods after my debts are discharged. I owe to — Sedley of Southfleete, and to John Browne of Southfflete, 30s. and 20s. respectively. I ordain Mr. Robert Sedley overseer of my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my mark and seal. Witn: Ed. Darbyshire, Ro. Scrivener, Thomas Walker, Robert Sedley. Proved 8 September 1584 by the executrix. Arch. Essex, Draper, 38.

Will of JOHN CONVERS, of Staplefort Abbott, co. Essex, yeoman. Dated 5 May 1585. Being sick in body but of perfect memory, he did bequeath to William Convers, the son of his brother Richard Convers, 5li., the said sum to remain in the hands of Thomas Convers, brother to the said John, until the said William come to the age of 30 years. He did also bequeath to John Brockesee of Haveryng, his best cloke. Of his other goods he did not dispose. This was done in the presence of Thomas Convers, John Skinner, Robert Sayer, Richard Fannyng. Proved 27 May 1585, and administration committed to William Convers, son &c. Arch. Essex, Draper, 98.

Will of ROBERT CONVERS, of Lamborne, co. Essex, husbandman. Dated 18 March, 31 Elizabeth. I desire to be buried in the churchyard of Lamborne aforesaid. I give to my son-in-law Richard Cockerell and Elizabeth his wife, all my messuage wherein I do now dwell, with a garden and two crofts of land called Whelers and Stocketts in Lamborne aforesaid, to hold for their lives, and to remain to Richard Cockerell, eldest son of the said Richard, in tail; and, in default of heirs of his body, to Lawrance Cockerell, brother to the said Richard; and, again, to Henry Cockerell, next brother to Lawrence. I bequeath to my daughter Hellen during her natural life, all my messuage with a smith's forge, now in the tenure of Griffith Evans, blacksmith, in Abridge Street, in the parish aforesaid, to remain at her death to the aforesaid Richard Cockrell the younger. Item, to Joan my daughter, during her life, 4 marks yearly, with power of entry in case of non-payment into two parcels of land called Heywardes croft and Heywardes hope, now in the occupation of my said son-in-law Richard Cockerell. And after the decease of my daughter Joan, the said two parcels shall remain to the said Richard and Elizabeth Cockerell for their lives, with remainder to their son Lawrence. Residuary legatee and exor: my son-in-law Richard Cockrell. The mark of Robert Conuers. Witn: the marks of Robert Conuers and Michael Pickering, Richardus Reignolds clericus.

Sentence pronounced for the above will in a suit between Joan Coles and Helen Evans, daughters of the deceased, and the Executor above named, 15 September 1589.

Arch. Essex, Maynard, 24.

Will of ROBERT COMBERS, of Stapleford Tawney, co. Essex, smith. Dated 2 February 1590-1. I give to Agnes Combers my daughter, my two browne cowes, haye to kepe them untill maye day, two brasse pottes, one chest that was my daughter's mother's, my anvyle and all my working tools in my shopp with my bellows and coales. All the residue of my goodes both within the house and without, I give to Margaret my wife, and ordain the said Margaret and Agnes executors of this my will. Overseer: Thomas Combers my brother. Robert Combers' mark. Witn: William Nicolson, Robert Warlettes mark, Richard Combers' mark. [Proved 18 March 1590-1] by the relict, with power reserved &c.

Arch. Essex, Maynard, 49.

Admon. of WILLIAM CONVERS. 22 November 1602, at the court at Romford, an entry that William Convers of Hornchurch is deceased, and that Michael his son and executor has the goods &c. of the said deceased. An entry at a previous court, 4 August 1602, says Edward, son of the deceased, has goods &c.

Arch. Essex. Act. Bk. IV., 22 A.

Will of JEFFRE CONVERS of Stanfurde Rivers. Dated 8 Julye 1612. I give to Jeffrye, my son, 5 li. at his age of 21. To John my son, 5 li. at 31, and the like sums to my son William, my daughters Jone and Mary, and the child now to be born to me, at their several ages of 21. To my son Jeffre, my joynd bedstead with the head and teaster, after my wife's decease. Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Jone. Overseers: Allen Convers of South wealde, my brother, and Richard Westwode of Stanforde Rivers. The mark of Jeffre Convers. Witn.: Antony Convers, John Abell. (Marks). Proved 30 July 1612 by William Thwaites, notary public proxy for Margaret, the relict and executrix named (*sic*).

Arch. Essex, File 1612, no. 26.

Will of EDMUNDE CUNUERS* of High Ongar, co. Essex, carpenter. Dated 11 October 1613. I give to the poor people of High Ongar 20s. My exōrs shall have the lettering and commoditie of my copyhold messuage and 16 acres of land in Ongar aforesaid till Mary Cunuers (and) Elizabeth Cunuers accomplish their several ages of 21, when the said messuage &c. shall remain to them and their heirs. To my wife Elizabeth I give an annuity of 6 li. out of my said tenement. If my wife live till my said grandchildren accomplish their ages of 16, they shall not inherit the said messuage &c. till their ages of 24. To Mary Chibington, my Kinswoman, 20 li. and 2 chests. To 4 of the children of my brother Thomas Conuers deceased 6s. 8d. apiece. If my said grandchildren die before their ages of 21, the said tenement shall be sold, and Mary Conuers, my daughter-in-law, shall have 40 li., and the rest of the money so received shall be distributed among my poor kindred. I give to Alice, now the wife of Thomas Fynche, 10s. To Sisselie, now the wife of Thomas Bonner of Much Waltham, 10s. Residuary legatee: my wife Elizabeth. Exors.: Thomas Fynche of Stanvard Rivers and Marye Cunuers, my daughter-in-law. Overseers: my friends William Spinner and Thomas Bonner. The mark of Edmund Cunuers. Witn: Henry Seex, Thomas Bonner, Martha Bonner. Proved 17 November 1614 by Mary Cummers and Thos. Finch, the exōrs named.

Arch. Essex, File 1614, no. 98.

Will of ANTHONYE CONVERS of Staneford Rivers, co. Essex, husbandman. Dated 24 April 1621. I give to Clemence my wife my copihold tenement wherein I now dwell, so long as she keep herself a widow, with remainder at her death or marriage to my eldest son Edward Convers, he paying unto my 5 children Jane, William, Allen and Benjamin 4 li. apiece. If Edward make

*Indexed as Edmund Cummers.

default in payment, I give the said tenement to my son William, charged with legacies as above. Residuary legatee and executrix: my wife Clemence. The mark of Anthonye Convers. Witn Tho: Ennyver, scf., John Fetcbe. Proved 27 March 1622[-3] by Clement, the relict and executrix named. Arch. Essex, File 1623, no. 18.

Will of JOHN CONVERS of Shenfeild, co. Essex, husbandman. Dated 10 December 1627. I give to the poor of Shenfield 10s. To the children of my brother Allen Convers, 30s. apiece, to be paid within 3 years of my decease. To the children of my brother Thomas Convers deceased, 30s. apiece as above. To the children of my brother Antony Conuers, 30s. apiece as above. To the children of my brother Jeffery Conuers deceased, 30s. apiece as above. To Jeremy Hankin, 5 li. (He dwells near Prittlewell in Essex.) To my cousin Elizabeth White, 5s. to remember me, and 2s. 6d. apiece to her 3 daughters. Residuary legatees and exors: my cousins John Shelton and Edward Conuers, both dwelling in Brentwood. The mark of John Conuers. Witn: William Richardson, Allen Convers. Proved 16 January 1627[-8] by the exōrs named.

Arch. Essex, File 1628, no. 6.

Will of ELCEBETH COMBERS of Borndwood,* widow. Dated 19 August 1633. "I will my body be decentlie buried at the discretion of myne executrix, wich I have mad choych of Edward Brettne, and for my goods I equally deuid it to my tooe cheldren Robart Smeth and Ellcbeth Smeth." The mark of Elcbeth Combers. Witn: James Colbron, Edward Wattes. Proved 8 October 1634 by Rob. Bretton, the executor (*sic*). Arch. Essex, File 1634, no. 41.

Since the first pages of this book were put in type the following from the parish records of South Weald, Navestock, and Stanford Rivers, County Essex, England, have been obtained by Mr. Eben Putnam.

PARISH REGISTER OF SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

Baptismal register begins 1539.

1588, May 19, Annis Combers daughter to Thomas.
1599, June 20, Anne Combers daughter to Allin.
1603, March 18, Susan Convers daughter to Allin.
1604, March 24, Gabriel Combers son to Allin.
1609, Feb. 18, Daniel Convers son to Allin.
1612, April 26, Hester Convers daughter to Allin.
1613, March 13, Theophilus Convers son to Allin.
1616, August 18, Allin Convers son to Allin.
1618, Oct. 30, Josiah Convers son to Edward.
1618, Feb. 2, Aaron (?) Convers son to Allin.
1619, Jan. 7, Abraham (?) Convers son to Allin and Sarah.
1620, Nov. 29, John Convers son to Edward and Sarah.
1621, April 17, Sarah Convers daughter to Allin and Sarah.
1623, June 2, Sarah Convers daughter to Edward and Sarah.
1628, July 6, Rafe Combers son to John.

* Brentwood.

Marriage register begins 1541.

- 1542, Oct. 10, Johannes Stace filius Wilelmi istius pochie nuptus erat en Alicia Convers ejusd^m pochie.
 1602, Nov. 28, Allin Convers and Elis. Pamer.
 1604, Nov. 18, William Dier and Jone Combers.
 1610, May 28, John Cook and Prudence Convers.
 1614, June 20, Richard Barrows and Marian Convers.
 1635, Oct. 28, William Skinner and Ester Convers.

Burial Register begins 1540.

- 1548, August quinta, Richardus Kombars filius Georgius.
 1572, Sept. 6, Gregory Cumbers of Brentwood.
 1573, April 11, Agnes Combers.
 1573, Jan. 30, Robert Combers son to Richard.
 1618, March 7, Aaron Convers son to Allin.
 1626, Dec. 5, Sarah Convers wife to Allin.
 1627, August 5, John Combers (als Monk).
 1628, none.
 1629, none.
 1630, none.

NAVISTOCK, ESSEX.

Baptismal register begins in 1538.

- 1540, Feb. 11, William Convers son of Thomas.
 1540, Feb. 22, William Convers son of John.
 1540, Oct. 29, Thomas Convers son of Richard, of the Heath.
 1541, Bartylmew Convers son of John of Nayers Hill.
 1543, May 13, Annes Convers daughter of
 1544, April 12, John Convers son of John.
 1544, Sept. 18, Parnell Convers daughter of William.
 1545, Oct. 17, Alyce Convers.
 1546, Oct. 28, Annes Convers.
 1546, Feb. 21, Richard Convers.
 1548, Dec. 24, John Convers.
 1549, March 27, Thomas Convers.
 1549, Oct. 18, Oliffe Convers daughter of William.
 1550, August 31, John Convers son of William.
 1551, Feb. 2, John Convers son of John.
 1551, August 30, Alys Convers daughter of Richard.
 1552, July 31, William Convers son of William.
 1554, April 28, Elizabeth Convers.
 1557, Feb. 4, John Convers son of William.
 1558, Jan. 10, Joane Convers.
 1560, May 31, Thomas Convers son of John.
 1560, Feb. 2, Alys Convers daughter of William.
 1560, Feb. 16, Francis Convers son of Richard.
 1560, March 23, Robert Convers son of Richard.
 1560, March 23, Margaret Convers daughter of William.
 1561, May 19, Joan Convers daughter of Thomas.

- 1561, Dec. 14, Joanna Convers daughter of Richard.
 1562, Oct. 18, Anthonie Convers son of John.
 1562, March 5, Marian Convers daughter of Richard.
 1563, Jan. 30, Annys and Elizabeth Convers daughters of Richard.
 1564, Feb. 6, William Convers son of Richard.
 1564, Oct. 29, Annye Convers daughter of Thomas of Stapleford Abbot.
 1564, Jan. 7, Marian Convers daughter of William.
 1564, Jan. 1, Marian Convers.
 1565, Nov. 26, Richard Convers.
 1566, May 5, John Convers son of John.
 1566, May 12, Harry Convers son of William.
 1566, August 26, John Convers son of John.
 1567, Oct. 9, Renold Convers son of Richard.
 1568, April 28, William Convers son of William.
 1568, August 1, Francis Convers son of Richard.
 1568, Oct. 28, Catherine Convers daughter of Richard.
 1568, Jan. 16, Jeffery Convers son of John.
 1569, May 5, Jeffery Convers son of Richard.
 1570, Feb. 18, William Convers son of John.
 1571, Jan. 20, William Convers son of Richard.
 1573, Sept. 5, John Convers son of John.
 1574, March 2, Philip Convers.
 1575, April 10, Marye Convers daughter of William.
 1577, May 28, ——— Convers daughter of John.
 1577, Richard Convers son of Will.
 1578, Oct. 19, Richard Convers son of John.
 1579, Oct. 6, William Convers son of Richard.
 1580, Feb. 13, Catherine Convers daughter of John.
 1580, March 5, Thomas Convers son of William.
 1581, Nov. 27, Agneta Convers daughter of Thomas.
 1581, Jan. 4, Richard Convers son of Richard.
 1582, March 3, Elizabeth Convers daughter of Thomas.
 1583, June 16, Mariona Convers daughter of William.
 1584, Sept. 21, Prudence Convers daughter of Thomas.
 1586, Elizabeth Convers daughter of William.
 1586, July 10, Robert Convers son of Richard.
 1586, August 7, John Convers son of Thomas.
 1586, Feb. 28, Allen Convers daughter(?) of Allin.
 1588, John Convers son of William.
 1588, Jan. 26, John Convers son of Anthony.
 1588, March 23, Edwardus Convers son of Allen.
 1589, Margareta Convers daughter of Richard.
 1589, April 6, Lucia Convers daughter of Thomas.
 1591, March 28, John Convers son of Thomas (de horsana). *
 1591, April 1, Gabriel Convers son of William.
 1591, Sept. 24, Bartholomew Convers son of Thomas.
 1591, Nov. 30, Andrew Convers son of Allen.
 1591, March 12, Abraham Convers son of Richard.
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*A place in Navestock, now called "Horsemanside."

- 1591, March 20, Joanna Convers daughter of William (de "Hunts").
 1592, May 21, Elizabeth Convers daughter of William.
 1592, Dec. 24, Alicia Convers daughter of William.
 1592, Feb. 18, Thomas Convers son of Thomas.
 1593, Feb. 3, Joanna Convers daughter of Thomas.
 1593, March 17, Margareta Convers daughter of Will: (de "Hunts").
 1594, August 18, Susanna Convers daughter of William Senr.
 1594, Oct. 13, Joanna Convers daughter of William.
 1596, Jan. 1, Stephen Convers son of Thomas.
 1597, August 7, Susanna Convers daughter of William.
 1598, May 14, Katherina Convers daughter of William Senr.
 1601, August 23, Judith Convers daughter of John.
 1602, May 9, Susanna Convers daughter of William.
 1603, June 5, Maria Convers daughter of John.
 1605, May 5, John Convers son of John.
 1607, March 20, John Convers son of Richard.
 1608, June 5, William Convers son of John.
 1609, Feb. 17, William Convers son of Richard.
 1611, May 2, Susanna Convers daughter of John.
 1611, May 13, Marie Convers daughter of Richard.
 1612, June 20, Eliz. Convers daughter of William.
 1613, April 11, Marie Convers daughter of Richard.
 1613, Sept. 26, Emanuel Convers son of Richard.
 1613, Oct. 20, Elizabeth Convers daughter of William.
 1613, Nov. 26, Elizabeth Convers daughter of John.
 1615, June 9, Susanna Convers daughter of William the younger.
 1615, March 17, Richard Convers son of Thomas.
 1616, August 11, William Convers son of Will: the younger.
 1617, May 18, John Combers son of John.
 1617, May 19, John Convers son of Richard.
 1619, Dec. 12, Sara Combers daughter of Richard.
 1620, August 13, Jane Combers daughter of Thomas.
 1621, May 21, Richard Combers son of John.
 1622, May 9, Mabell Combers daughter of Richard.
 1623, Sept. 21, William Combers son of Thomas.
 1624, Jan. 23, Margaret Combers daughter of Thomas.
 1626, Jan. 14, Margaret Combers daughter of Robert.
 1627, April 15, Mary Combers daughter of Thomas.
 1628, none.
 1629, none.
 1630, none.

Marriage Register begins 1538. To 1631.

- 1543, July 2, John Convers and Marian Hess.
 1543, July 2, William Convers and Jane Apolbe.
 1545, April 13, Richard Convers and ———.
 1547, Oct. 30, Richard Dyddn and Alys Convers.
 1548, Oct. 6, William Convers and Jane Cressyngham.
 1552, Nov. 13, William Morbye and Joane Convers.

- 1561, June 2, Thomas Convers and Joan Lyn.
1565, July 1, William Convers and Joan Howchin.
1570, Feb. 23, Richard Convers and Joan Jackson.
1571, Sept. 9, Wat: Collin and Annes Convers.
1571, Feb. 10, Thomas Goslyng and Alys Convers.
1573, August 6, Richard Convers and Elizabeth Wilcock.
1574, Sept. 26, William Convers and Katherine Durrant.
1576, Nov. 27, John Hilles and Elis: Convers.
1578, Nov. 2, Richard Convers and Margaret Goodchilde.
1579, Dec. 6, Christopher Perrie and Joanna Convers (wid.).
1580, June 5, Thomas Convers and Joanna Camper.
1581, July 2, William Glascock and Joanna Convers.
1581, August 18, Thomas Convers and Elizabeth Church.
1581, Oct. 29, John Saberne and Margaret Convers.
1587, Oct. 14, Michael Makin and Joanna Convers.
1588, May 6, William Makin and Elis: Convers.
1588, Oct. 13, John Lincolne and Anna Convers.
1589, Feb. 16, William Convers and Alice Scarlett.
1590, May 3, Thomas Convers and Julia Lappage.
1597, April 28, William Reade and Margaret Convers.
1598, Oct. 15, John Stapler and Julian Convers.
1603, Oct. 24, Richard Convers and Jane Wells.
1603, John Convas de Stapleford Abbots and Margaret Wallinger.
1607, June 22, William Convars de Stanford and Winifreda Samford.
1611, Oct. 6, Thomas Spillman de Warley Rivers and Elizabeth Convers.
1611, Nov. 10, Richard Convers and Margaret Barrett.
1617, May 18, Edward Stoddard and Margaret Combars.
1620, Oct. 8, John Convers and Jane Westwood.
1623, Nov. 9, Bartholomew Archpoul and Katherine Combars.
1624, Oct. 4, Robt. Combars and Mathew Spillman de Stanford Rivers.

Burial Register begins 1538. To 1631.

- 1540, Dec. 3, Thomas Convers son of Richard.
1542, June 22, Thomas Convers.
1542, Oct. 21, Richard Convers.
1543, March 15, William Convers son of John.
1548, March 6, Elizabeth Convers.
1552, March 18, Nicholas Convers son of Richard.
1557, Nov. 7, Joan Convers wife of John.
1557, Nov. 14, John Convers.
1558, Jan. 28, John Convers son of Richard.
1559, July 23, John Convers the Elder (dwelling in the lane).
1560, August 8, Elizabeth Convers daughter of Richard.
1560, June 3, Joan Convers daughter of Thomas.
1562, Sept. 13, John Convers son of Thomas.
1563, May 23, Marian Convers daughter of Richard.
1564, Oct. 26, John Convers son of William.
1564, Jan. 29, Joan Convers wife of William.

- 1565, Dec. 14, Margaret Convers.
1565, Dec. 27, Edward Convers.
1566, Jan. 26, Katherine Convers wife of Richard.
1566, May 21, John Convers son of William.
1567, April 13, ——— Convers son of William.
1568, Dec. 6, Elisabeth Convers wife of Richard.
1568, Feb. 26, Annes Convers daughter of Thomas.
1570, May 12, Annes Convers wife of Richard.
1571, April 2, Marian Convers wife of John.
1571, August 27, Jane Convers wife of Richard.
1572, May 1, Annes Convers wife of Thomas of ye Mill.
1573, August 5, Richard Convers son of William.
1576, July 12, Richard Convers the Elder.
1577, Jan. 29, Richard Convers son of William.
1579, June 4, William Convers.
1579, Feb. 12, John Convers Senr.
1580, June 29, Agneta Convers wife of Richard of "Hunts."
1583, June 4, Richard Convers of "Hunts."
1591, Jan. 18, Gabriel Convers son of William.
1592, Jan. 8, Alice Convers daughter of William.
1596, June 29, Susanna Convers daughter of William.
1596, Sept. 8, Elisabeth Convers wife of Thomas.
1596, Nov. 16, William Convers of "Hunts."
1597, August 25, Thomas Convers.
1597, Dec. 10, Elisabeth Convers wife of Richard.
1598, Feb. 5, Thomas Convers de Naers Hill.
1599, Oct. 5, Elisabeth Convers daughter of William.
1602, May 17, Susanna Convers daughter of William.
1602, June 22, Joanna Convers wife of Allen de Weald.
1603, Feb. 19, Richard Convers of Beacon Hill.
1607, June 17, Joanna Convers, widow.
1607, Dec. 2, Alice Convers wife of William.
1608, Oct. 15, Joanna Convers daughter of William.
1609, March 5, William Convers son of Richard.
1612, July 10, Elisabeth Convers daughter of William the younger.
1613, Jan. 28, Richard Convers.
1614, April 17, John Convers son of Richard.
1614, June 4, Judith Convers daughter of John.
1614, March 12, Adrian Convers, widow.
1615, June 11, Susanna Convers daughter of William the younger.
1615, Dec. 5, John Combers son of Richard.
1616, Sept. 12, Thomas Convers son of Thomas.
1618, July 31, Elisabeth Combers wife of William ye younger.
1619, April 8, Mary Combers daughter of Hen(?) Thos.
1624, April 12, Richard Combers son of Richard.
1624, Nov. 11, Katherine Combers wife of William.
1624, Dec. 7, Elisabeth Combers daughter of John.
1625, March 17, William Combers.
1627, Sept. 1, Richard Combers son of Richard.

STANFORD RIVERS, ESSEX.**BAPTISMS TO 1636.**

Robert son of Bartholomew Combars, 12 February 1567.
Bartholomew and Thomasin children of Bartholomew Combars, 21 Dec. 1569.
William Combars son of Bartholomew Combars, 28 May 1571.
Elizabeth Combars, 19 Dec. 1574.
Edward son of Anthony Combars, 28 Feb. 1590.
Jane daughter of Anthony Combars, 20 October 1595.
Joane daughter of Gefery Combars, 22 Oct. 1598.
Jefferie son of Jefferie Combars, 12 Oct. 1600.
Alyce daughter of William Combars, 7 Dec. 1600.
Marie daughter of Jefferie Combars, 5 Sept. 1602.
Allen son of Anthony Combars, 5 Dec. 1602.
John son of Jeffery Combars, 26 Nov. 1603.
Nicholas son of Jeffery Cumbers, 2 March 1605.
Margaret daughter of William Cumbers, 24 June 1608.
William son of Jeffery Cumbers, 7 Oct. 1608.
Benjamin son of Anthonie Cumbers, 21 Oct. 1610.
William son of William Cumbers, 21 Oct. 1610.
Love daughter of Jeffery Conners or Cumbers, 2 May 1611.
Anne daughter of Jeffery Conners or Cumbers, 2 May 1611.
Helen posthumous daughter of Jeffery Combars deceased, August 1612.
John, son of William Combars, 14 Aug. 1619.
Mercy daughter of Jeffery and Mercy Cumbers, 23 May 1630.
Jeffery son of Jeffery and Mary Convers, 20 March 1630.
William son of Jeffery and Mercy Cumbers, 15 May 1634.

MARRIAGES TO 1638.

Anthony Combars and Clemence [Spady?], 29 Jan. 1587.
Gefery Cumbers and Joane Cawell, 25 Sept. 1597.
William Combars and Elizabeth Morris, widow, 17 Dec. 1599.
Robert Combars and Katherine Flemming, 31 Jan. 1602.
Edmund Combars and Mary Finch, 8 April 1605.
Daniel Lazelbed(by?) and Jane Combars, both of Stanforde Rivers, 14 Jan. 1618.
Richard Ingold of Romford and Elizabeth Combars, 13 Nov. 1626.
Nicholas Cumbers and Elizabeth Perry, 21 Sept. 1637.

BURIALS TO 1636.

John Combars, 9 Aug. 1575.
Elizabeth daughter of Bartholomew Combars, 10 Aug. -15 June.
Elizabeth wife of William Combars, 5 April 1601.
Anne daughter of Jeffery Convers *als.* Cumbers, 15 June 1611.
Love Convers daughter of Jeffery Convers *als.* Cumbers, 5 July 1611.
Jeffery Cumbers, 10 July 1612.
Bartholomew Cumbers, 31 Oct. 1612.
Johannes Combars, 7 July 1614.
Robert Combars, 10 Nov. 1616.
Widow Combars, 23 Oct. 1617.

Winnifred wife of William Cumbers, 14 Aug. 1619.

Anthony Cumbers 28 Jan. 1622.

William son of William Cumbers, 10 Sept. 1625.

William Cumbers, 12 Feb. 1632.

— widow of Anthony Cumbers, 5 Dec. 1633.

John Cumbers, 13 Sept. 1634.

William son of Jeffery and Mercy Cumbers, 16 Feb. 1635.

Mr. Eben Putnam also furnished the following records with his preliminary report which closes this chapter.

LIST OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS TO 1630, IN COURTS COVERING ESSEX.
CONVERS, COMBERS, ETC.

Year Proved	Testator	Place (in Essex unless otherwise specified).	Court and Register.
1430	Robert Converse	Westham,	Com. Lon., 268 More.
1432	Wm. Converse <i>als</i> Kelshull,	London.	P. C. C., 16 Luffenam.
1439	John Converse <i>als</i> Kelshull	London.	P. C. C., 26 Luffenam.
1445	Richard Converse	Navestock.	Com. Lon., 174 Prowet.
1487	Joan Comfers	Stapleford Abbots.	Arch. Essex, 92 Winterborne.
1502	Thomas Comfers	Watford, Herts,	Arch. St. Albans, 10 Walingford.
1541	William Commes (Combers in Calendar)	Calendar)	Con. Lon., 4 Thirlby.
(1542)	Thomas Cunverse	Navestock.	St. Pauls, A 38.
1547	Robert Converse	Lambourne.	Arch. Essex, 93 Bastwyck.
(1555)	William Converse	Stapleford Abbot.	Arch. Essex, 77 Lupton.
1558	William Combars	(Co. Essex).	Arch. Essex, 37 Lupton.
1564	Margaret Converse	(London).	Com. Lon., 1558-70, fo. 123.
1565-6	Margaret Converse, widow	Navestock.	St. Pauls, B 75.
1571	Thos. Comber	Fincheley, M'dd.	Admon. Com. Lon., Actbook, 1570.
1571	Jonne Combers	Stow Marres.	Com. Lon., Div. Essex & Herts.*
1572	John Combers	Woodham Mortimer.	Ditto. Original will.
1574	John Cumbers	Stanford Rivers.	Arch. Essex, 54 Gyll.
1579	William Converse	Navestock.	St. Pauls B. 226.
1577	John Cumbers	High Ongar,	Arch. Essex, 150 Gyll.
1579-80	John Converse	Navestock.	St. Pauls, B 228.
1580	John Converse <i>als</i> Combers	Hornedon on the Hill.	Admon. Arch. Essex, Act book.
1584	John Converse	No place	Arch. Essex, 42 Draper.
1584	Richard Comber	Chadwell.	Arch. Essex, 38 Draper.*
1585	Hugh Cumbers	Little Baddow.	Com. Lon., Essex and Herts.*
1585	John Converse	Stapleford Abbott.	Arch. Essex, 98 Draper.
1589	Robert Converse	Lambourne.	Arch. Essex, 24 Maynard.
1590-1	Robert Combers	Stapleford Tawney,	Arch. Essex, 49 Maynard.
1595	Henry Cunverse	Hocklye.	Com. Lon. Essex and Herts.*
1595-6	Edward Combers	North Ockindon.	Com. Lon. Essex and Herts.*
1596-7	William Combers	Navestock.	St. Pauls, C. 28.
1597	Elizabeth Smalley <i>als</i> Comber	London.	Admon. Com. Lon. Act Book fo. 95.

* Original will.

1597	Richard Cumbers	Upminster	Arch. Essex, 195 Stephen.
1598	William Convers	Stapleford Abbott.	Com. Lon. 176 Sperin.
1599	Thomas Converse	Navestock.	St. Pauls, C. 68.
1600	Thomas Convers	West Mersey.	Com. Lon. Essex and Herts.*
1600	John Comber	St. Albans. Herts	Arch. St. Albans, 195 Clapton.
1601-2	John Comber	South Mymms, Midd.	Com. Lon., fo. 253.
1602	William Convers	Hornchurch	Arch. Essex, IV 224.
1606	Michael Cumbers		Arch. Essex, Will 58.
1607	William Convers	Layndon.	Com. Lon. Essex and Herts.*
1611	Richard Convers	Navestock	St. Pauls, D. 96.
1612	Jeffery Convers		Arch. Essex, Will 66.
1614	William Cumbers		Arch. Essex, Will 19.
1604	Edmund Cummers		Arch. Essex, Will 98.
1615	Audrie Cumbers <i>als</i> Convers	Navestock.	St. Pauls, D 109.
1623	Anthony Convers		Arch. Essex, Will 18.
1626	William Convers	Navestock.	St. Pauls, D 300.
1628	John Convers		Arch. Essex, Will 6.
1634	Richard Combers	Navestock.	St. Pauls, E 10.
1640	Alexander Comber	London.	St. Pauls, E 164.
1664	John Combers		St. Pauls, F 97.
1664	John Combers	Navestock.	Admon. St. Pauls Act Book fo. 31 †.

Courts examined, to 1630, Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Consistory of London, Commissary of London, Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls, Archdeaconry of Essex, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, Essex and Herts, Archdeaconry of St. Albans, Archdeaconry of Colchester, Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Hitchen Division, Peculiars of Bocking, Good Easter, and Writtle, Essex.

ABSTRACT OF WILLS.‡

1430, March 9. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, ROBERT CONVERSE of Westham, co. Essex, sound of mind, etc. (Bequests to church, etc.) Item. I give to Margarete my sister vjs. viiijd. The residue of my goods, etc., to Emme my wife, she and Richard Crekellewode executors. In witness whereof, etc. Witnesses: John Havelok, Richard Burton, Nicholas Fleccher, and others.

Proved "tercio I^q" March 1430, by Richard Crykellewode; power reserved for Emme the relict.
Commissary of London, 268 More.

1428, May 20. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, WILLIAM CONVERSE *als* KELSHULL, citizen and "pistenar" of London, whole of mind, etc. To be buried in the church of the monastery of St. Saviour's, Bermondsey, Surrey. (Bequests to churches, etc.) I give to Alice my servant xiijs. iiijd. To Nicholas my servant vjs. viiijd. To John Kelshull my son a minor 10s. To John Kelshull, citizen and "pistenar" of London, my eldest son 10 marks. The churches of St. Mary

* Original will.

† No admons. in Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls before 1646.

‡ These abstracts were made by Mr. George F. Tudor Sherwood of London.

§ 1422-3. Counterpart of Indenture being an acquittance by prior William and convent of Holy Trinity within Aldgate to William "CONVERS" *als* Kelshill, citizen and fishmonger of London, of 18 sh. in full of arrears of rent of his shop in parish of St. Nicholas of Cold Abbey near Old-fish street, London, etc. 1 Henry VI. Seals. Calendar, Ancient Deeds, A 7326.

¶ Fishmonger.

Magdalene and St. Peter, Pauls Wharf. The residue to Alice my wife, executrix, with John Kelshall the elder, my son. Given at Bermondesay the day and year abovesaid, etc.

Proved 22 July 1432. (No witnesses named.)

P. C. C., 16 Luffenam.

1439, Sept. 19. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, JOHN CONVERSE *als.* KELSHULL, citizen and "pistenarius" of London, sound of mind, etc. To be buried in the church of St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey near Thomas Weston, "pistener" (fisherman). Bequest to Thomas Bernewelle, son of Thomas Bernewelle. William Convers *als.* Kelshull my father. Reginald Derrington, citizen and "pistener," London, and John Fylson, citizen and "pistener" of London. The residue to Isabel my wife, executrix. Given at London the day and year abovenamed. (No witnesses named.)

The last Will, etc. Premises at Bekenham, Kent. Souls of William my father and Alice his wife, my mother, to be prayed for.

Proved 12 Oct. 1439.

P. C. C., 26 Luffenam.

1445, Aug. 4. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, RICHARD CONVERS of Navestock, sound of mind, etc. I give unto John Russhden a poor man, a cloak. To Agnes wife of Walter Sabarn for her good services xijs. iiijd. To Agnes Mavishe (?) daughter of the said Walter —. The residue to my executors Richard Lincoln and John Tharrok. In witness whereof, etc. (No witnesses named.)

Proved 13 Oct. 1445.

Commissary of London, 174 Prowet.

1487, Dec. 1. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, JOAN COMFERS of Stapilford Abbot, Essex, widow, sound of mind, etc. (Bequests to church, etc.) I give to the reparation of Pyssyngforth brigge ijs. iiijd. To Alrige vjs. viijd. I give to each of my little sons and daughters iiijd. To each of my sisters xxd. The residue to John Cowmfers my son. And I constitute John and William Bette my executors. Witnesses: John Dowde, rector of the church, Sir Thomas Ganne, chaplain, Richard Walenger.

Proved at Theydon Boys, 27 Feb. 1487, by the executors named.

Latin Will, Arch. Essex, 92 Winterborne.

1502, Aug. 25. In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, THOMAS COMFERS husbandman of the parisshe of Watford, Hertf, ordeyn and make my testament, etc. Item, I bequethe to the highe awt' of Watford vjd. To Maist' Vicar vjd. To Saint Albans shryne ijd. To the torches iiijd. To Henry my broder ij busshells of whete and half a quarter otes. To every of my godsonys a shepe or in money xiijd. To my goostly fader viijd. To the clerk ijd. To John Jamys iijs. Item I wyll that my wyfe have all the residue of my goods moveable and unmoveable to pay my debts and to kepe my chyl dren wth. And I make her myn executrice. Wytnes my goostly fader Thomas Aly, clerk, John Cokdell, John Lawrence and other divers.

Proved 21 Sept. 1502, by the executrix.

Arch. of St. Albans, 10 Walingford.

1540, Dec. 7. In the Name of Godd, Amen. I, WILLIAM COMMES* of the towne of Westminster, ale-bruer, being hole in mynde, etc. To be buryed in Sainte Margaretts in Westm̄. Item I bequeth to the hyghe awlter of the said church xijd. All the residue of my gooddes wher so evr they be I bequeth to Jane Commes my wiff which Jane I ordayne and make my sole executrix. Syr Henry Moote, curate of Saint Margaretts, Thomas Swallowe servant to our soverayne

*"COMBERS" in calendar. There is nothing to indicate that Commes was not the actual name of testator, except the entry in the calendar.

Lorde Kynge Henrye the eighte, and Thurston Ameere, baker, to be myne overseers. In witnes wherof, etc. In the presence of John Wheteman, William Lovell, and Rychard Standley.

Proved 10 May, 1541, by the relict and executrix.

Consistory of London, 4 Thiriby.

1542, June 19. In dei Nomine, Amen. I, THOMAS CUNVERSE do make my last will, etc. My body to be buried in the churche yard of Naystoke.* I bequythe unto my sone Rychard Cunverse my house and lands called Billts lying in Naystoke. Unto my sone William the elder my house, etc., called Packers in Naystoke and if it please God to take Richard or Willm the elder unto his mercey then I will that my son Willm the younger shalbe heyre. I bequeyth unto Johane Cumvers a cowe & Agnes Cumvers a cowe. Said Rychard and Willm under age. Rychard Cunverse my brother and Alys my wyfe executors. And Thomas Lyncolns to se that my will be fulfilled afore this wytnes Sir Rychard curate, Willm Colford, John Cunverse the elder with other mo. (No note of probate.)

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book A, fo. 38.

1547, Jan. 21. In the Name of God, Amen. I, ROBERTE CONVERSE of Lamborne, Essex, good of memory, etc. I bequeth to the makinge of the hyghe waye xl^s. wth is in the hands of Roberte Dorraunte. To Margery Grave my bedde, etc. And Katherine Grave a black cowe bullocke etc. To Robert, my sonne my best coote and to bedill my frice cote. And to John Ests wiffe a mantillfrice gowne. To Willm' Converse my sonne my corne, etc., wth the rest of my goodes yf he make a dede of release to Rob^t Converse my sonne of ij crofts called Whellers and Stocks. John Pyckeman and Willm' Converse my sonne, executors. These being witnessis: Robert Dorrant, John Pickeman, S^r O[utrie?] Lawe, preeste and other moo. (No note of probate.)

Proved 8 Feb. 1547, vide Calendar.

Arch. Essex, 93 Bastwyck.

1555, April 20. In the Name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CONVERS of Stapulford Abbott, Essex, yeoman, etc. My lands in Haveringe at Bowre and Stapleford Abbott and Lamborne. I give "my house Collyar Roo within the sayd Domynyon of Haveringe caullyd Gooldsmaythes" "to William Convers thyongar my nevyne and sonne of Edwarde Convers my sonne late deceasyd", and my howse,† etc., called Watters in Stapleford Abbot, etc., at his full age of xxth yeres. To John Harrod and Anne; his wife a lease of xxth yeres of Gooldsmaythes. My sonne-in-law John Mayster and Margeret his wiffe. Anne Harrode my daughter. My daughter Joan of London, Jane Grene my daughter. Margaret Convers my sonne Edwardes daughter. Elisibeth Convers. wydowe, William Convers her sonne at xxj and Margeret her daughter at marriage. Margaret Master my daughter and William, John and Edward her sonnes. Jone my daughter and Peter and Edwarde her sonnes and Grace and Margeret her daughters. Annet my daughter and to her sonne and ij daughters. Jane my daughter and her iij daughters. My brother John and his wiffe and etche of his children. Elizabeth Skynner my sister's daughter. William Allbeard. I make John Mayster of Stapulford Abbott and John Harwoorde of Collye Roe my sonne in lawys, executors. Richard Grene of Stanford Ryvers and Thomas Hemingwaye of London my other sonne in lawe, overseers. In witnesse, etc. Witnesses: Robert Lewys, clerke, Richard Godfery, John Pease, Thomas Luckinge, John Porter, Artur Rede, John Clake and Robarte Harbottyll.

The ix day of May 1555 the sayd William Convers did delyver up and surenderyd all his coppys holde lands, etc., to the use of this his last will, etc.

(No note of probate.)

Arch. Essex, 77 Lupton.

* Navestock, Essex.

† Amice or Amie elsewhere.

Proved 1558. WILLIAM COMBARS. Wordes spoken by Willm Combars lying upon his deathe bed the xxjth daye of Aprill First he bequethed his soull to Allmightie god, etc. And also he willed Willm' Sparowe and Thomas Fuller to be his executors to keep his children. And that John Combars should have his land and Thomas Fuller to have hym in keapyng. And also he said he owght to his land lord x^{li}, that Parsons ought hym xlvjs. viiij^d., John Fuller xjs. and M^r Skott xs. Wytnes: John Peekeman and Joane Dorant his syster. (No note of probate; several omitted about this time.)
Arch. Essex, 37 Lupton.

1564, Sept. MARGARET CONVERS ("Combers" in old calendar). On the second day of September issued a Commission to Nicholas Maleverer the uncle and next of kin of Margaret Convers of St. Peters, Pauls Wharf, London, deceased, to administer the goods, etc. of the said deceased, etc.
Commissary of London, Act Book for 1558-70, fo. 123.

1565, Dec. 10. In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARETH COMVERS, widdowe, of Navestocke, beyng sicke, etc. Item, I will to Richard Convers my sonne a litell brasse poott and a old huche. To John my sonnes chylderyn every one of them iiij^d. and to Richard's sonne iiij^d. To John my sonne the hangyngs in the hall and a kneadinge trowth. To the poore manes boxe xx^d. The residue to Annys my daughter hole executor and John my sonne to be myne overseere. Thes beyng witnes Richard Sabborne and George Watton.

Proved 1 Feb. 1565-6 by Agnes Comberes the executrix named.

Inventory iiij^l. vjs. viij^d.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book B, fo. 75.

1571, April. THOMAS COMBER. On the 25th April issued a Commission to John Comber the natural and lawful brother of Thomas Comber late of Fincheley (Middx.), deceased, to administer the goods, etc., of the said deceased, etc.

Commissary of London, Act. Book for 1570-82, fo. 17.

1572, Aug. 14. I, JOHN COMBERS of Woodham Mortymer, Essex, bachelor, doe make my testament and laste will nuncupative in forme followyng, etc. I gyve all my goodes & chattles whatsoever they be unto Joanne Blythe, wydowe. In the presence of William Ellis, Elisabeth Plowe and Emme Jowle the daye and yere abovewrytten.

(No note of probate.)

Commissary of London (Essex and Herts).

Original Papers.

1574, Aug. 6. In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CUMBERS of Stamforde (Stanford) Rivers, Essex, yeoman, beinge sicke in body, etc. I will that Joane my wife shall have all my copyholde lande in Navestocke, remainder to Allyn Cumbers my sonne, he (to) give unto Thomas Cumbers my sonne xls. wth in twelve monethes to Anthony as much the seconde yeare, and to John xls., the third yeare, to Geffery xls. the iiijth, and to William xls. the vth yeare. If any of my saide sonnes dye his parte to remaine to John Alline only. I give to my daughter Jane x poundes at marriadge or xxj. Said six sons under xxj. My howse at Navestocke. To the poor of Navestocke. I ordaine Wm. Somner of Harlow, yeoman, and Joane my wife executors. Richard Dewset of Northwilde my supervisor. In witness hereof, etc. Witnesses: Robert Dowset, and Morgane Williams curate ther.

Proved 5 Oct. 1574, by the executors.

Inventory lxix^l. xjs. iiij^d.

Archdeaconry of Essex, 54 Gyll.

(No year given, probably 1577) June 2. In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CUMBERS of Highe Ongar, Essex, husbandman, being visited wth sickness, etc. Item, I bequeath to Willm my sonne vjl. xiijs. iiijd. at xxj. To Mary my daughter vjl. xiijs. iiijd. at xxj. To Parnell my daughter vjl. xiijs. iiijd. at xxj. Item, I give to Cateren my wife all the residewe, etc. Willm Stane and Richard Barryat my hole executors. Witnesses: Richard Pole, John Lykyris, Thomas Bower, and Harry Yngowlle.

Proved 15 July 1577 by the executor.

Archd. Essex, 150 Gyll.

1579, June 3. In the Name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CONVERS of Navestocke, Essex, etc. Item, I geve to my daughter Margaret Convers my joyne bedd, etc. To Sara Convers my daughter £6. 13s. 4d. To Mary Convers my daughter £6. 13s. 4d. to be paid out of Marion feild at the discretion of Willm Malter, Richard Couldforde and Willm Coulforde. Item, I geve to Joan Convers my wief my howse wth the two crofts at Navestocke heath to bringe upe my childeren. To Willm Convers my sonne a brasse pott wth was myne in my firste wiefes daies, etc., at the age of one and twentie. The residue to Jone my wife, sole executrix. Richard Coulforde and Willm Coulforde overseers. In the presence of Meredith Benner, Richard Coulford, Willm Malter and Willm Coulforde.

Proved 23 Nov., 1579, by Johanne Convers the relict and executrix named.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book B, fo. 226.

(1580) Nov. 4, 22 Elizabeth. In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CONVERS of Navestocke co. Essex, yeoman, being sicke, etc. I do bequeath unto Willm Convers my sonne the biggest Browne bullocke, etc. Unto Annes his daughter one littell kettell. Unto Thomas Convers my sonne two kynne, etc., and the howse wherein I nowe dwell called Frenches, etc. Walter Cowynne my sonne in lawe. I give one bedstead, etc., unto John Convers my younger sonne. Unto John Convers myne eldest sonne fortie shillings. Unto John Makinge 3s. 4d., overseer. Said sonnes Thomas and Willm executors. In witnes whereof, etc.

John Convers m'ke.

Witnesses: E. Cranne, Richard Dyse, John Makynne, Walter Collynne and others.

Proved 11 Feb. 1579-80 by William and Thomas Convers, the executors named.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book B, fo. 228

1580, Jan. 25. JOHN CONVERS *als* COMBERS. Issued a Commission of Administration of the goods, etc., of John Convers *als* Combers of Hornedon on the Hill, deceased, to Thomas Convers *als* Combers the brother, etc.

Archd. Essex, Act. Book 2, fo. 121.

1584, June 20. This is the last wyll and testamt that I, JOHN CONVERS* doe make beinge in perfect mynde, etc. I give to Mawde my wyfe all my goods savinge my shoppe the which after three yeires I give unto my two sonnes John and Harrye. Also I give to my daughter John* one Kettall. To my sonne Thomas Convers two children eyther of them one pewter dishe. And I doe make my wyfe my sole executrix, and Richard Convers my brother my overseer. Wytnes: Richard Skeale, Richard Browne, and Phillipp Abbott.

Proved 21 July 1584, by the relict and executrix.

Archd. Essex, 42 Draper.

1584, Aug. 6. In the Name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD COMBER of Chawdwell, Essex, husbandman, being sicke, etc. I give to the poore of Southfleett in Kent, ijs. iiijd. To John Comber

* No place mentioned.

my sonne £3. 6s. 8d. To William my sonne £10, and to my daughter,* Elizabeth £10, after the decease of Agnes my wife whom I constitute my full and sole executrix and unto whome I give all the residue. Debts owing to — Sedley of Southflete and John Browns of Southflete. Mr. Robert Sedley overseer. In wytnes whereof, etc., Richard Comber his marke. Wits: Ed. Darbysheis, Ro. S., Thomas Walker, Robt. Sedley.

Proved 8 Sept. 1584, by the relict and executrix.

Archd. Essex, 38 Draper.

1584, Feb. 16. In the Name of God, Amen. I, Hugh Cumbers of litle baddow, Essex, husbandman. I geve unto Martha my wyfe xiiij^l vs viij^d so she shall put in sufficiente surety to myn executor for the keping and bringing upi of my two children Elizabeth and Kinborow, if not then to John Brett of litle baddow, yeoman (for the same purpose). I give unto my three children Jone, Elizabeth, and Kinborow xiiij among them at ye age of xx^u years, remainder to my brother Hary and my sister Alice. The reste I geve, etc., unto John Belte my brother in law whome I do make sole executor and John Brett to be myn overseer. Witnesses: William Langford, Mathew Nottage, John Walker.

(No note of probate.)

Comm. London [Essex and Herts]. Original Papers.

(A second copy of the above has the note of probate 22 July 1585 by John Belt the executor. The testator's name appears as Comberes in the second copy.)

1585, May 5. JOHN CONVERS of Staplefort Abbott, co. Essex, yeoman, being sicke, etc., did will and bequeath to Willm Convers the sonne of his brother Richard Convers vl, etc., the said some to remaine in the hands of Thomas Convers brother to the said John Convers till Willm come to the full age of xxx years. Also he did wyll and give to John Brockesse of Haveryng his best cloke, &c. This was done in the presence of Thomas Convers, John Skinner, Robert Sayer and Richard Fannyngne.

Proved 27 May 1585, and administration (with the will annexed) granted to Willm Convers the son.

Archd. Essex, 98 Draper.

(1589.) March 18, 31 Eliz. In the Name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT CONVERS of Lamborne, Essex, husbandman, sicke in bodye, etc. I give unto my sonne-in-lawe Richard Cockerell and to Elizabeth his wife my messuage, etc., wherein I now dwell and two croftes of lands called Whelers and Stocketts, remainder to Richard Cockerell the eldest sonne of the said Richard, remainder to Laurance Cockerell brother to the said Richard the younger, remainder to Henrye Cockrell next brother, remainder to William Cockrell next brother. Unto Hellen my daughter my messuage and smithe's forge now in the tenure of Gryffith Evans situate in Aldridge streete. Unto Joane my daughter iiij^{ss} marks yerely for life. Land called Heywardes Crofte and Heywardes Hope in Lamborne now in occupation of Richard Cockrell my sonne-in-law, whom sole executor.† In witnesse whereof, etc. Witnesses: Richard Reynolds, clerk, parson of Lamborne and Michael Pickeringe of Affbridge in the said parish. Sentence for the Will of said the testator in a cause between Johan Coles and Hellen Evans daughters of the deceased and Richard Cockerell the executor pronounced 15 Sept., 1589.

Arch. Essex, 24 Maynard.

* Mr. Lea's abstract adds a daughter Anne.

† Mr. Lea adds "after the decease of my daughter Joan, the said two parcels shall remain to the said Richard and Elizabeth Cockerell for their lives, with remainder to their son Lawrance."

1590, Feb. 2. In the Name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT COMBERS, smithe, of Stapleford Tawney, Essex, etc. Imprimis I give to Agnes Combers my daughter my ij browne cowes, etc., and all my workinge tooles, etc., one paire of sheetes and chest that was my daughters mothers. All the residue of my goodes I give to Margareth my wife, she and Agnes my daughter executors. Thomas Combers my brother overseer. In witness hereof, etc., Robert Combers, marke. Witnesses: William Nicolson, Robert Waillette marke, Richard Combers marke.

Proved 18 March 1590-91, by Margaret the relict. Agnes Combers the daughter renouncing.
Arch. Essex, 49 Maynard.

1595, May 30. HENRYE CUNVERS of Hocklye in the Countye of Essex, being sicke in bodye, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of Hocklye. I give to Agnes my wife, my interest in all my ground and house and all my goods whatsoever. My said wife to take of William Assawe of Ramson Bellowes the some of thirtene nobles due unto me at Holbontyds next and xxs. to be paid unto her by Thomas Crofton of Hockly. My will is that my wyfe shall paye unto my brother William Cunvers within the parishe of Petlye twelve pounds. Said wife Agnes sole executrix. Witnesses: Richard Browne, Thomas Crofton, William Archbold, scholem^r.

Proved 16 June 1595. *Comm. London (Essex and Herts). Original will.*

(1595-6.) Feb. 18, 38 Eliz. In the Name of God, Amen. I, EDWARD COMBERS of Northcockendon, (Essex). I geve unto my wyffe xx pounds and all the howshold stuffe w^{ch} she broughte wth her, etc. Unto my sonne John xx^{li}s pounds when he cometh to the age of xxjths yeres. Unto my dawghters Anne and Katherine either of them xx^{li}s pounds at marredge or xxj yeres. To my dawghter Margaret Feild xs. Item I doe make Robert Sparrowe full and whole executor, Lawrence Casse and Peter Hodson to be supervisors. In wyttnes whereof, etc. The testator's marke. Witnesses: Lawrence Casse, Peter Hodson, Richard Willcock.

Proved 22 March 1595-6 by Robert Sparrowe the executor named.

Comm. London (Essex and Herts). Original Papers.

1596, Nov. 4. In the Name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM COMBERS of Huntres in the parish of Navestocke, Essex, husbandman, whole of mind, etc. Item, I give my house and landes I nowe dwell in to Margaret my nowe wife she bringing upp my nowe children and hers Jone and Margaret and that sonne or daughter yt she is nowe privie with childe, remainder unto my brother Francis Combers and his heirs, he payinge quarterly to my brother John Combers three shillings fower pence. I bequeath to my sister Alce sixteene shillings. To my sister Jone 8s. To my sister Glascock 5s. To my brother Francis nowe daughter 6s. 8d. To my Aunt Glover 6s. 8d. To Elizabeth Taylor my servant 6s. 8d. The residue to Margaret my wife, sole executrix. Richarde Hills and Francis Combers overseers. In witness whereof, etc. William Combers testators marke and seale.

Witnesses: William Hills marke, Zachary Wattons marke.

Proved 17 Jan. 1596-7, by Margaret the relict and executrix.

Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls, London, Book C, fo. 28.

1597, July 12. ALICE COMBER. On the same day issued a Commission to Elizabeth Smalley alias Comber, the natural and lawful sister of Alice Comber, "puelle," late of St. Bridgets [or St. Brides] (London), intestate, deceased, to administer the goods, etc., of the said deceased, etc.

Comm. of London, Act Book for 1593-1604, fo. 95

(1597.) Feb. 18, 39 Eliz. Richard Cumbers of Upminster, Essex, husbandman, being of perfect minde, etc., did by worde of mouthe bequeath and dispose his goods as followeth: ffirste he did give unto his wife all his goods and willed that she should paye to his sonne Rcberte viiis. and that she should give unto his other sonne web is married all his olde apparrell And did nominate and appointe his said wife his executrix in the presence of Willm Prowe, gent., of Upminster, and Henry Amcotts, gent., of Cranham. Henry Amcotts.

(No note of probate. Several such omitted at this time.) *Archd. Essex, 194 Stephen.*

1598, Oct. 4. In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COMBER of Southemyma, Middx., yeoman, being somewhat sick in bodye, etc. I give to the poore of Hadlie xs. Unto Agnes Spanne the wief of Richard Spanne xls. Unto Jane the sister of the said Agnes beinge nowe of London and late married xls. Unto my brother John Combers children x^{li} at xxj. All the residue I geve unto my derelie beloved brother William Cumber whome I make my full and whole executor. My friende John Flexmore to be the overseer. In witness whereof, etc. (Signed) John Cumber. In the presence of Willm' Lynes, Thomas Lofton, George Gurley als Guffen, scr.

Proved 2 Jan., 1601-2, by William Cumber the executor.

Commissary of London, Reg. for 1597-1603, fo. 252.

1598, Oct. 9. In the Name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CONVERS of Stapleford Abbott, Essex, yeoman, sicke in boddie, etc. I give unto Rabidge my wief the tenement and one acre and a halfe of lande in the occupation of auld Fanninge, and customary lands called Rounde Crofte, Constantyne, and Constantyne's bottome and a close abutting upon Tydeshill howse, etc. I give to Rabidge my daughter Tydes Hill howse, remainder to John Convers my sonne and heire. To Francis my daughter a cottage and lands at Nippers Hatche, etc., at 21. To Elizabeth my daughter £30 at 21. To Blawnche my daughter £30 at marriage or 21. To Marie my daughter £30 at marriage or 21. To my son Thomas Convers £100 at 25. I give to my sister Collins 40s. To William Convers als Lowe 30s. 4d. My sonne Thomas (*sic*) Convers sole executor. My friendes M^r Thomas Taverner of Arnewaies in Lamborne and Richard Luther of Suttons in Stapleford Tawney, overseers. My mansion and dwelling house and customary lands web are to come to my said sonne John. My said son John (*sic*) whom I have made sole executor. In witnes whereof, etc.

(Signed)

William Convers.

Witnesses: William Gibbes, Robert Loder, Edmond Hoove, Edward Meeke.

On 6th Nov. 1598 a Commission to administer for seven years issued to Thos. Taverner and Rd. Luther to the use of John Convers the son, during his minority.

Consistory of London, 176 Sperin.

1598, Jan. 29. In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Converse of Navestocke, co. Essex, otemeal man, beinge sicke, etc. I bequeathe unto Joanne my wife 40s. all my household stuff, etc., except one cupbord in the hall, the pothangers and andirons in the chimney, etc., all which I bequeath to Amye my daughter. Unto Alce Pegrime my wives daughter my sowe, etc. Unto Amye Lincolne my daughter my nagge, etc., sole executrix. My brother Richard Convers overseer. In witness whereof, etc. Tho. Converse his marke.

Witnesses: Richard Convers, Harrye Browne, Jefferie Browne.

Proved 2 May 1599, by Anny Lincoln the daughter and executrix named.

Inventory ixl. xvijs. ijd.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book C, fo. 68.

1599, May 9, THOMAS CONVERS* of West Mersey, Co. Essex, yeoman. I give unto Thomas Convers and Edward, my sonn, all my lands etc., within this realm of England. Unto John Convers, my sonn, tenn score pounds at the age of xxj. A cottage etc., at Flamsted end in the parish of Chessen in the countie of Hartforshire. I give unto Lettes Convers, my daughter, fyftey pounds at marriage or age of xxiiij. Unto Katren, my daughter, fyftey pounds at marriage or xxiiij. Unto Francis Convers, my daughter, fyftey pounds at marriage or xxiiij. My son Edward to enter into bond to my executor to pay one half the charges towards bringinge up of my children. I make Thomas Convers, my sonn, my sole executor, and Edward my supdevisor. In witness whereof, etc. Thomas Convers (his mark).

Witnesses: William Turner, Wm. Smythe, Wyllym Smyth.

Proved 11 Jan. 1599-1600 by Thomas Convers, the executor named.

Commissary of London (Essex and Herts divn.). Original will.

Mem: Thomas Convers of West Mersea, note of his burial Dec. 1612, amongst the papers of the above court.

(Proved 1600.) (Will not dated.) In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COMBER sicke in body, etc. I bequeth my sole to Almighty God my maker and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Peter's and my daughter Dorathey to be my whole executrice and to bring up my three daughters Agnes Comber, Bridgett Comber, and Elizabeth Comber. And I make Henry Smyth and Richard Smyth my overseers. The marke of John Comber.

Witnesses: Richard Chappell, Adam Brooke, Humphry Steppinge, Thomas Chappell.

Proved 7 June 1600, by Dorothy Comber the daughter and executrix. Testator was of St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts. Arch. of St. Albans, 195 Clapton.

1607, June 15. WILLIAM CONVERS of the parish of Layndon, co. Essex, husbandman. I give unto my son William £10 at 21. To my daughter Agnes Convers £30 at 18. To my daughter Joane £30 at 18. To my mother Joane Convers £3 yearly so long as she shall live. To the poor of Layndon 10s. To the poor of Ramsden Bellows 3s. 4d. The residue to my wife Agnes, sole executrix. My brother John Convers, overseer. The marke of William Convers.

Witnesses: Arthur Denham, Edward Sams, John Convers, Randol Bostocke.

Proved 17 July 1607, by the executor.

Commissary of London (Essex and Herts). Original will.

1611, Jan. 24. In the Name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD CONVERS of Navestocke in Essex, miller, weak in bodie, etc. Imprimis I give to Marrian Law my daughter vjs. viijd. To John Wells my wives brother iij s. iij d. Item I give all the rest of my goods to Jane my wife whom I appoynt executrix, etc. The marke of Richard Convers. In the presence of John Woodd, Thomas Sandys.

Proved 7 May, 1614, by Jane Convers the relict and executrix.

Inventory vjl. xvs. jd.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's London, Book D. fo. 96.

1614, Feb. 26. AUDRIE COMBERS als CONVERS. I, Widow COMBERS alias Convers of Navestocke, co. Essex, doe make this my last will, etc. I give unto Catherine Watermad [or Waterman] my daughter and to all her children all that money w^{ch} Richard Combers als Convers my sonne oweth me and I give her all my moveable and unmoveable goods whatsoever, etc. Witnes hereunto Jone Cheston her marke, Jone Ramsey her marke, Richard Butcher his marke.

*This will is also printed by Mr. Waters, see his Gleanings, I, 237, and ante page 859.

Administration (with the will annexed) granted 29 April 1615 to Catherine Waterman *als* Combers, *als* Convers, the daughter and principal legatee.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book D, fo. 109.

1625, Dec. 31. In the Name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CONVERS of Navestocke the elder, co. Essex, husbandman, being aged, etc. I give unto William Convers my sonne, etc., my copyhold tenement wherein I now dwell, land, etc., called Pettfeilds. Unto Katherine my daughter £5. Unto my sonne in law Thomas Spillman £5. Unto Marrian my daughter £5. Unto my daughter Joane £5. Unto Thomas Convers my sonne 20s. My sonne in law Bartholomew Archpoole sole executor. To Elizabeth Spillman and Mary Spillman my grandchildren each of them one new flaxen sheets. To Dennys Spillman my grandchild, William Convers my grandchild & Elizabeth Convers my grandchild a brasse pott, etc. My friend George Colford overseer. In witness whereof, etc. The marke of me William Convers.

Witnesses: George Cohoell. The marke of William Cocke.

Proved 22 April 1626, by the executor named.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book D, fo. 300.

1632, Feb. 6. In the Name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD COMBERS of Navestocke, Essex, tanner, being weake and sicke in body, etc. I give unto Mary Combers my daughter eighty score pounds, all the childebed linene that was her mother's, etc. Unto John my sonne £10, furniture, etc. Unto Sara my daughter £10. Unto Mabel my daughter £10. Unto Emanuel my sonne all my linnen, etc. Unto Katherine Waterman my kinswoman 10s. The residue to Emanuel my son, sole executor. My brother John Combers overseer. If my daughter Mary shall marry with Thomas White then she shall have no part of the eighty score pounds, etc. The marke of Richard Combers.

Witnesses, John Combers junior, John Finch.

Proved the last day of June, 1634, by Emanuel Combers the executor named.

Inventory £282. 14s.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book E, fo. 10.

1639, March 7. In the Name of God, Amen. I, ALEXANDER COMBER, citizen and woodmonger of London, sicke and weake, etc. I give unto my brother William Comber my seale ring. Unto his sonne John and his daughter Anne 20s apiece. Unto his daughter Elizabeth 10s. Unto my partner Thomas West, my seale ring with the Woodmongers Armes. To my cozen Isabell Fox 20s. To my cozen John Fox 20s. The residue to my wife Elizabeth Comber, sole executrix. In witness whereof, etc. The marke of Alexander Comber.

Witnesses: William Comber, Thomas West, John Fox, sc^r.

Proved 26 March, 1640, by Elizabeth, the relict & executrix named.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book E, fo. 164.

1664, May 8. In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COMBERS being in body sicke, etc. Imprimis my stocke in leather and barke, cattle and corne, etc. to be sold, all the tann fatts kill and mill onely excepted. I give to my daughter Mary Combers £600 at 18. To my wife Mary and to my two children Robert and Mary six beds, etc. Unto my brother Emmanuel Combers a tenement in the occupation of — Greene. I give to my cousin Mary Combers my brother's daughter £5. To the poor of Navestocke 40s. Mary Combers my wife, Robert Nicholds, and Thomas Nicholds executors in witness whereof, etc. (Signed) John Combers.

Witnesses: Robert Rucke, Phillip Scott. To my cousins Robert Nicholds and Thomas Nicholds 20s. apiece for their paines.

Proved 5 Aug. 1664, by Mary Combers one of the executors; power reserved for the others.

Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, Book F, fo. 97

1664, Sept. 9. JOHN COMBERS of Navestocke, Essex, deceased. Administration to Mary Combers the relict. *Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's,* London, Act. Book 1646-65, fo. 30.*

GRANT AND RELEASE BY ROGER LE CONVERS, 1318.

Registered in Close Rolls, 11 Edward II, m. 10d.

Pro Milone de Mounteny et Agnete uxore eius.†

Notum sit omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit quod ego Rogerus filius Rogeri le Conuers de Kelewedon concessi relaxaui et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamaui Miloni de Mounteny et Agneti uxori eius ius et clamium quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui vel potero in omnibus terris et tenementis que iidem Milo et Agnes tenent in villa de Kelewedon et Alta Aungre in hameletto vocato Mardene una cum homagiis villenagiis Wardis relevis redditibus et Escastis et cum omnibus aliis proficuis et pertenenciis ad dictas terras et tenementa qualitercumque spectantibus de quibus quidem terris et tenementis Nicholaus le Conuers per cartam suam feoffauit Rogerum le Conuers patrem meum et predictam Agnetem matrem meam et me prout in carta ipsius Nicholai plenius continetur. Ita videlicet quod nec ego nec heredes nec assignati mei aliquod ius vel clamium in dictis terris et tenementis cum pertinentiis seu in aliqua parte eorundem decetero vindicare poterimus vel habere quoquo modo. Set ego predictus Rogerus et heredes mei omnia perdicta terras et tenementa cum omnibus pertinentiis suis nominatis et non nominatis predictis Miloni et Agnete eorum heredibus et assignatis eorum contra omnes gentes Waranti zabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimoniā presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne de Solario Willielmo de la Haye Johanne Morel Johanne de Burnedish Alano de Berewyk Petro de Pernill Nicholas Jordan Riccardo atte Ree et aliis. Datum apud Kelewedon die dominiie proxima post festum Purificationis beate Marie Virginis Anno regni domini Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi undecimo.

Et Memorandum quod predictus Rogerus filius Rogeri le Conuers venit in Cancellaria Regis XXIII die februarii proximo sequenti et recognouit scriptum predictum et omnia contenta in eodem in forma predicta.

*No Administration Acts in this Court ante 1646.

†On behalf of Miles de Mounteny and Agnes his wife:—

Be it known to all to whom this present writing shall have come, that I. Roger, son of Roger le Convers of Kelvedon, have granted, released and wholly for me and my heirs have forever quit claimed to Miles de Mounteny and Agnes his wife the right and claim which I had or in any way might have had or could have in all the lands and tenements which the same Miles and Agnes hold in the town of Kelvedon and High Ongar in the hamlet called Marden, together with rights of free service, bondservice, wardship reliefs, rents and escheats and with all other privileges and appurtenances of what nature soever to the said lands and tenements belonging, of which said lands and tenements Nicholas le Convers by his deed enfeofed Roger le Convers, my father, and the said Agnes my mother and myself as in the deed of the said Nicholas is more fully set forth.

As follows, to wit, that neither I nor my heirs or assigns can demand from the other party or in any manner maintain any right or claim in the said lands and tenements with the appurtenances. But I, the aforesaid Roger, and my heirs will warrant and forever defend all the aforesaid lands and tenements with all their appurtenances, named and unnamed, to the aforesaid Miles and Agnes, their heirs and their assigns.

In testimony whereof, to the present writing I have affixed my seal. In the presence of John de Solar, William de la Haye, John Morel, John de Burnedish, Alan de Berewyk, Peter de Pernill, Nicholas Jordan, Richard atte Ree and others.

Given at Kelvedon on the Day of our Lord next after the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the eleventh year of the reign of our lord the King, Edward son of Edward the King.

And be it remembered that the aforesaid Roger, son of Roger le Convers, came into the Chancellery of the King the twenty-fourth day of February next following and acknowledged the aforesaid writing and everything therein contained in the abovesaid form.

The following notes selected from more than one hundred similar references, are printed here, the earlier ones as showing the presence of the name in France, those in the 15th Century as helping to follow the name in England during the period prior to the existence of probate records.

1279, 7 July. Abbot of Citeaux nominated Imbert le Convers of Citeaux and John de Kayton his attorneys for one year. Renewed 1280. *Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edw. I.*

1315, 7 Feb. John le Convers, clerk, one of two attorneys of the Abbess of St. Trinity, Caen, apparently for the islands of Guernsey and Jersey. *Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edw. II.*

1322, 30 Dec. The King, at York, appoints Master Philip le Convers, treasurer of Reyns, Sir John de Castre, knt., seneschal of Ponthieu, Sir John de Launge, knt., Sir Thomas de Lundres, receiver of Ponthieu, and Nicholas de Gayton, clerk, to be the King's attorneys in his place and name in his county of Ponthieu and Monstroil, apparently to make terms with France and all adjoining fiefs establishing boundaries; to sue, to make agreements, and to obtain witnesses, etc., and the King will confirm their action. *Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edw. II.*

1331, 13 April. Confirmation of a grant for life by Queen Isabella to Isabella la Converse, her goddaughter, of a daily allowance of 8 pence of Paris out of the issues of Ponthieu payable semi-annually. Mandate addressed to the Receiver of Ponthieu.

Cal. Patent Rolls, Edw. III, 1330-1334.

1461, 16 July. Grant for life to the King's servant John Convers, Esquire, of the office of one of the King's serjeants at arms, with wages of 12 pence daily and a livery of the suit of esquires of the household yearly at Christmas. By the King by word of mouth.

Cal. Patent Rolls, I Edward IV.

1463, 20 May. Commission to John Convers, Kings serjeant at arms, to seize all ships and vessels prepared to sail to foreign parts in the ports of Norfolk and Suffolk, as it is manifest that the King's enemies etc.

Cal. Patent Rolls.

1471, 22 Feb. Exemplification at request of John Convers, Esq., of the tenour of the enrollment of patent 17 Oct. 39 Henry VI appointing him one of the King's serjeants at arms in place of Thomas Pope deceased. These letters having been lost by accident.

Cal. Patent Rolls, 49 Henry VI.

1471, 17 Aug. Grant for life to the King's servant David Gough of the above office in place of John Convers, deceased, with wages from at 12 pence daily.

Cal. Patent Rolls.

[The 49th year of reign of Henry VI and 10th year of Edward IV are nearly identical. So it is evident that John Convers was first appointed in the year 1460 by Henry VI, had his appointment confirmed by Edw. IV and then when Henry VI again took up the reins of office had his appointment confirmed. It would be interesting to learn how he came to his death, which occurred between Feb. and August 1471. Henry VI died May 21 1471, soon after the total defeat of his party in two battles.]

1474, 27 June. Grant to Richard Frewen and John Comber of the custody of the temporalities of the bishopric of Hereford with knights fees, etc., from the death of John Stanbury last bishop so long as they remain in the hands of the King, for 400 marks paid to the king.

Cal. Patent Rolls, 14 Edw. IV.

COL. CHARLES A. CONVERSE,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 24, 1905.

DEAR SIR:

The researches commissioned by Mr. Converse, looking to obtaining material from the most accessible English records relating to the history of the Converse family in England, are being continued. It is now nearly two years since I had the opportunity of calling your attention to the valuable research work done by Mr. Henry F. Waters, with which you were familiar, especially the publication by him of certain wills of testators bearing your name who resided in Essex county, England, in the early part of the seventeenth century.

As it was your intention to have me collect information which might be of service at some future time when there should be in hand a sufficiency of material to enable you to give attention to the matter, I suggested certain lines of research which seemed to me would yield results. A considerable part of the work outlined has been completed, sufficient to enable me to report in part, and especially upon that branch of the family to which our attention was drawn by Mr. Waters' researches. The aim of my work has been to show the ancestry and connections of Allen Convers of South Weald, Essex, whose family record I had recovered some time before from the parish registers of Navestock and South Weald, and which taken in connection with the will of Allen Convers published by Mr. Waters, placed before us so much information concerning him. In addition to this special line of research I have given due attention to the name wherever found, in its various spellings, and have succeeded in collecting a mass of information concerning the families bearing the names Convers, Converse, Combers, etc.

In a general way the work so far accomplished has covered the extremes — in point of time — of the work planned. Thus all printed sources published in the various series of British government reports, calendars etc., which embrace the following series, were examined:

Calendars of State Papers for England prior to 1650, about 170 vols. consisting of papers of Foreign and Domestic concerns from the time of Henry VIII, Treasury documents, Letters and papers, Ancient deeds, Patent Rolls, Close Rolls, Papal registers and petitions, Feudal aids, Inquisitions post mortem, Charter rolls, Documents relating to France, etc., and of this series the Patent and Close Rolls, and Ancient Deeds proved the most productive. The publication of calendars to these rolls has not proceeded beyond 1500. The various publications embraced under the general head Lists and Indexes of Documents Preserved in the Public Record Office have also been examined not only for casual mentions of the name but for references to documentary sources to which our attention should be turned later.

The Records of the Privy Council 1542-1597 as shown by the Acts in 29 volumes have been examined, as have also all of the great series of Chronicles and Memorials relating to Great Britain during the Middle Ages, especially monastic records, which would seem in any way to prove of value in the search.

The publications of the Record Commissioners from 1805 have also been examined. These are nearly as numerous as the State Papers first enumerated, and are of equal value but of greater variety and less complete in any one direction. This series afforded good results.

In addition to the government publications from the national archives, printed county, parish and other histories, parish registers, etc., have been examined: in fact all printed sources obtainable, suggested by the work in hand, have been used.

From these records information concerning the origin of the Convers family in England has been obtained, together with many items concerning individuals who bore the name or derivations or modifications thereof. Most of this information falls in the period 1250 to 1350, the century of progress. This happens, probably, because most of the printed materials available cover that period.

The other sources of information already searched comprise the probate records, the lay subsidies, parish registers, and certain miscellaneous records suggested by the work in hand. This end of the work has proved most productive for the period since 1500. Several wills have been found of prior date; the information in hand is chiefly for the century preceding 1630 and is very complete. Thus there remain to be covered the records which might throw light upon the history of the family for the century and a half between the years 1350 and 1500, as well as records of deeds; of manorial courts, lawsuits, etc., after that date, which are so numerous that selections only of the records to be searched are usually made. Certain great collections of English records of the utmost value to the historian and genealogist must remain untouched simply because of the extent of the record and the absence of any index or calendar, which even in the remotest manner would serve as a guide to the roll or year to be examined. Gradually these rolls will become available through record work being carried on by the government, and through the efforts of various societies and unselfish individual workers. It is extremely doubtful if an ordinary lifetime would suffice for one person, and that person a proficient in the old-time Latin, Norman-French and English, in which the older records were made, and the abbreviations customary to the period, to exhaust the English public records of value to the local historian and genealogist.

One thus realizes that only certain records of a nature proved to be unusually useful in genealogical researches can ordinarily be taken up for examination. Fortunately the laws and customs of England have been such that there exist certain classes of public, ecclesiastical, guild and private records which enable us to trace with a remarkable degree of accuracy the history of lands, and so recover the names of persons either possessing lands or in prominent manner connected with them.

Most persons, English or American, are well content if they are able to prove their line of ancestry to the time of Henry VIII, and to find the progenitor of their family and his immediate descendants occupying the position of substantial freeholders, who even if not sufficiently elevated to excite envy, did yet enjoy the necessities of life, and in that abundance which in that day took the place of the variety of luxuries which in our time have come to be regarded as necessities. Such people were independent, and were able to preserve their integrity, and were able to transmit from generation to generation those qualities which ever were pushing their possessor into higher places. That any family may be traced for several generations in ancient times, is itself an indication of the responsible place it held in the social system of the community.

At the close of the 13th century the name *Convers* or *le Convers* appears among the names of landowners in the counties of Kent, Essex, and Derby. It is only in the county of Essex that the name can be traced at a subsequent period, if we except the neighboring county of Middlesex and great city of London. These instances are as follows:

The manor of West Barmlyng, Kent, held by Stephen *le Convers* and Matilda his wife, 1308, and which in 1322 was permitted to be conveyed by his son Robert *le Convers* (Patent Rolls). No further definite information has been obtained concerning this family. There was a Stephen *le Convers* associated with Alexander *le Convers*, King's clerk, as a messenger from and to him at Bristol in 1314, when Alexander *le Convers* was, as usual, concerned in matters which would now pertain to the admiralty.

Land in Hope, Derby, held by Thomas *le Convers*, tenant in chief, was allowed to be acquired by Walter Waldeshof, King's yeoman (Patent Rolls). This Thomas was the heir of Nicholas *le Convers*, keeper of the Forest of the Peak, whose inquisition post mortem, 1304-5, named Thomas as his next heir, he then being aged 25 years or more (Cal. Geneal.).

Lands in Kelvedon (Hatch), Essex, which were released by Roger son of Roger *le Convers* of Kelewedon (Kelvedon) to Miles de Mounteney and his wife Agnes whereof Nicholas *le Convers* enfeofed said Roger *le Convers* the releasor's father and Agnes the releasor's mother and the releasor (Close Rolls, 1318).

It is this latter record which seems to give the broadest clew to the ancestry of the Convers family of Navestock in Essex. There are several entries in the Patent and Close Rolls which taken in connection with the above indicate a connection with the county of Essex of a family named Convers from the latter quarter of the 13th century.

In 1276 Roger le Convers acknowledges that he owes Peter de la More £7, in default of payment to be levied on his lands and chattels in Essex (Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. I).

In 1294 Roger le Converse, Edmund le Spigurnal and others were manucaptors for Guy de Shenefield who is going on the King's service to Gascony but who was not produced by them on the day fixed (Cal. Patent Rolls).

Shenefield is a parish adjoining or nearly adjoining South Weald. The Spigurnels were an Essex family seated in that immediate vicinity. In 1318 Edmund Spigurnell, knight, Roger le Converse and others were witnesses to a grant of Matilda daughter of John Scott to the prior and canons of Blakemore (Cal. Patent Rolls).

These three entries undoubtedly refer to the same Roger who released to Mounteney or to him and his father, and they show a probable residence in that place. The association with Spigurnel in these matters in some degree points out the station held. The marriage with Miles de Mounteney also shows good social position. What little is known of the early history of Kelvedon is largely associated with the Mounteneys, who were a prominent family of the vicinity.

Some further indication of the connection of this Kelvedon family with the several men of the name of le Convers who at this time and a generation earlier appear connected with the official court of Kings Edward I and II, is shown by the following abstracts of entries in the Patent and Close Rolls.

1274. Acknowledgment by Henry le Waleys, Nicholas Convers of Hadestok, William of Hadestock and some thirty others, citizens of London, that they owe 1200 marks to two merchants of Lucca (Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. I).

Hadestock is a parish in the extreme northwest of Essex. This Nicholas is probably the Nicholas le Convers who was a goldsmith, or refiner in London. Goldsmiths were liable to misrepresentations or false accusations and the King gladly availed himself of such prolific sources of reward, as the persons accused could only obtain pardon or justice by heavy fines. On some such occasion as this, Nicholas le Convers paid into the keeper of the wardrobe a gold cup which Hagin the Jew of London had pledged to him, in lieu of a fine of £10, and the receipt thereof was acknowledged by the hands of Roger le Convers (Cal. Patent Rolls). As this fine took place 20 December and his pardon as above mentioned the 3 December 1274, there is probably a close connection between the two. This Nicholas le Convers was probably the one appointed as keeper of the Forest of the Peak, which post he held in 1288 (Cal. Close Rolls). That he was a refiner is suggested in part by reason of his holding that post, for the mines in the King's forest of the Peak were valuable; and in 1290 we find him, styled of Babbingleye, owing to William de Hamilton seven cartloads of lead, price 14 marks, to be levied in default of payment out of his lands in Derby (Cal. Close Rolls). This is the Nicholas who died 1304 and whose next heir was Thomas mentioned above. It is not certain that he was the Nicholas who enfeoffed Roger le Convers with lands in Kelvedon, but it is quite probable, and if so that he and the elder Roger were brothers.

These transactions reach back to 1274. For 43 Henry III (1258-9) there is preserved a deed by which Roger le Convers grants to Martin Senches, the King's ballister, for 10 marks, certain land with buildings thereon in the parish of St. Botolphs without Aldersgate (London) paying therefor six shillings yearly to the canons of St. Bartholemews (Ancient Deeds A 1493).

In 1277, record of assignment to John son of Roger le Convers in part payment of his wages of £12 by the King, is found on the Close Rolls.

This John is probably he who served Edward I as serjeant and who had rendered a like service

to Henry III as appears by an order in 1273 (Close Rolls). He was constantly employed by the King: in 1281 with Robert de Vilers to arrest certain disturbers of the peace as enjoined by word of mouth (Pat. Rolls); in 1284 to disburse £3200 to certain ones of the household (Cal. Patent Rolls); in 1291 he was keeper of the palace of Westminster and was overseeing the repairs and other work (Close Rolls). In 1292 he acknowledges a debt to be levied out of his lands and chattels in Middlesex (Close Rolls). He is elsewhere mentioned, and in 1307, receives a grant for life of two casks of wine yearly, that having been granted to him, as King's yeoman, by the late king (Patent Rolls). He was living in 1312 but had died before 1317, probably without issue, as that year Robert le Crouland who served the King, is to receive such sustenance of the Abbot and Convent of Reading as John le Convers deceased, had in that house (Cal. Close Rolls).

Mention has been made of Alexander le Convers, the King's Clerk. His name first appears as King's Clerk in 1299, when he was sent to collect ships between Hertepol and Berwick on Tweed (Cal. Patent Rolls). In 1308 he appears as parson of the church of "Ledered,"* when he acknowledges a debt in default of payment of which it may be levied out of his lands in Surrey and Kent. From this time until 1322, during the greater part of the reign of the second Edward, he was constantly employed upon the King's business, chiefly with relation to what would now be duties of the Admiralty. He was in Ireland on several occasions, and in 1315 was granted any prebend in Ireland which should fall vacant which he might select (Patent Rolls). During this same period one of the serjeants at arms of the King was named Ralph le Convers (Patent Rolls). In 1322 Philip le Convers was treasurer of Reyns in Ponthieu, one of the King's provinces in France (Patent Rolls). The recognition received by these individuals during the reign of Edward I and II point to their being of those followers of the family of Henry III who came to England in the middle of the 13th century, and the employment of so many of the name at this time in the household of the King in his official business as truly points to relationship between them.

This digression from the Kelvedon family is necessary that we may see the possible if not probable connection with the Roger and Nicholas le Convers of that place with the Roger and Nicholas, their contemporaries, of London.

In this connection allusion should be made to the existence of an undated but ancient deed being a grant of lands and mill in Boxley, the property of his late mother, to the monks of Boxley by Alexander son of William son of Robert de Kumba, to which Alexander son of Robert de Kumba was a witness (Ancient Deeds B 646). Kumba bears a resemblance to Cumber or Comber the form in which Convers is so frequently written in Essex from the earliest date of probate records and in which the name in Essex eventually became lost. Boxley adjoins Maidstone in Kent.

Kelvedon Hatch† lies directly north and contiguous to Navestock. A line drawn through

* Probably Leatherhead, Surrey.

†The forest of Epping, an extensive tract of good woodland, derives its name from the town of Epping, but was formerly called Waltham Forest. In the time of James II Essex was heavily wooded, though the original limits of the "forest" had been repeatedly curtailed. The parishes of Navestock and South Weald are partly within the limits of Epping Forest, lying on the eastern border.

Navestock is sixteen miles distant from London. From the time of the general survey (Domesday) the lands of Navestock belonged to the canons of St. Paul, but Henry VIII having taken Navestock in exchange, it remained in the tenure of the crown for nine years from 1544, when, in 1553, Mary granted the manor of Navestock to Sir Edward Waldegrave, in whose family it remained. There are several subordinate manors in this parish, which in 1821 had 840 inhabitants. Joining Navestock on the south is the extensive parish of South Weald, containing 6000 acres, and comprising beautiful and picturesque scenery. Before, and from the Domesday survey these lands belonged to Waltham Abbey, but in 1540 were seized by the crown and were granted 1547 to Sir Brian Tuke who, in 1547, sold to Sir Richard Rich, Lord Chancellor, who in turn passed the property to Sir Anthony Browne in whose family the principal manor remained until 1662. The manor of Brentwood includes the hamlet of that name which was of sufficient importance to be the seat of the assizes, and formerly belonged to the Abbey of St. Osyth, but upon the dissolution

Navestock northeast and southwest would penetrate Kelvedon, Navestock, Stapleford Abbot and Lambourne. A similar line running northwest and southeast would penetrate Stanford Rivers, Navestock, South Weald. Navestock lies about 18 miles northeast of London. South Weald lies in Chalforde Hundred, the other parishes in Ongar Hundred.

Having established the residence at Kelvedon of a family named Convers as early as 1300, we would look for frequent mention of the name in the parish registers of that vicinity and in the records of probate in the courts whose jurisdiction extended over that territory. Unfortunately, 1538 is the earliest date one may expect to find a parish register; few begin as early as that. And although the registration of wills preceded the keeping of parish registers by many years, for practical purposes the year 1500 may be taken as being the beginning of a comprehensive probate record. Several courts had power over administration of estates in the territory about Navestock.

Examination of these records, parish and probate, shows, as expected, the residence of many families of the name, which at this time often appears as Comber, the greater number of references clustering about Navestock. In that place, which was part of the possessions of St. Paul's, London, members of the family lived in 1380, in which year Roger Confers and Matilda Confers are named in a subsidy. In 1445 died Richard Convers of Navestock whose will was proved 13 October (Com. London, 174 Prowet). This Richard died approximately one hundred years (the period usually assigned to three generations) after the time of Roger le Convers who had lands in Kelvedon, and High Ongar. There are various references to persons bearing the name during the succeeding century, but not as particularly connected with Navestock or vicinity. In 1540, however, we find at least four and probably five, heads of families in Navestock, namely: Thomas, John, Richard, William, and John "of Nayers Hill." These men all had families. At that date there were already other heads of families in neighboring parishes. Taking the wills and other evidences all in all, it is plain that the family as a whole were what is called substantial yeomen. Many were for their time and position well supplied with worldly effects, and possessed lands in more than one parish.

It is not possible in the scope of this preliminary report to enumerate all the wills and baptisms and other items discovered relating to the family.

It is sufficient to present those items which especially bear on the ancestry of Allen Converse of South Weald.

The will of John Cumbers was proved 5 October 1574, by the executors named in the will, and is recorded in the registry of the Archdeaconry of Essex, 54 Gyll.

1574, August 6. In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CUMBERS of Stamforde Rivers, Essex, yeoman, being sicke in body, etc. I will that Joane my wife shall have all my copyholde lands in Navestocke, remainder to Allyn Cumbers my sonne, he [to] give unto Thomas Cumbers my

passed to Thomas, Lord Cromwell, and later, in 1549, to Lady Anne of Cleve, and in 1533 to Sir Anthony Browne who died 9th Elizb. aet. 57, having in 1557 founded a free school in South Weald. The church is a handsome edifice and a conspicuous object from a distance. In 1812 the parish had 2558 inhabitants, more than half of whom dwelt in Brentwood.

Adjoining South Weald and Navestock is Shenfield in which parish is the manor of Convers, which in 1567 was held by Winston Brown and which was partly in Doddingherst. "These lands," says Morant, "seem to have given name to or taken this name from a family surnamed Convers one of whom was buried at Stapleton Abbot in 1599." This estate also extended into Navestock. A Thomas Convers or Combers and Thomas Hale passed by fine the manor of Albynes in Stapleford Abbot to Thomas Makyn and Richard Convers or Combers, with five messuages, 240 acres of arable land and 230 acres of other lands. This was in 1569. Another Essex manor was held early in the 18th century by John Convers, gentleman, that of Bocking Hall in East Mersea. See Morant's History and Antiquities of Essex, and Wright's History of Essex, for further descriptions of these parishes.

sonne xls within twelve moneths, to Anthony as much the seconde yeare, and to John xls the third yeare, to Geffery, xls the iiijth, and to William xls the Vth yeare. If any of my said sonnes dye his parte to remaine to John Alline only. I geve to my dafter Jane x poundes at mariadge or xxj. Said six sons under xxj. My house at Navestocke. I ordaine William Somner of Harlow, yeoman, and Joane my wyfe executors. Richard Dewset of Northewilde (North Weald) my supervisor. In witness hereof, etc. Witnesses, Robert Dowset and Morgane Williams curate ther. Inventory lxix li. xjs. iiijd. (£40-11-4).

The parish register of Navestock, which begins in 1538, furnishes the following regarding "John Cumbers" family.

Thomas Convers son of John, bapt. 31 May 1560.

Anthonie Convers son of John, bapt. 18 Oct. 1562.

John Convers son of John, bapt. 5 May 1566.

John Convers son of John, bapt. 26 Aug. 1566. (One of these is of course the son of another John Convers.)

Jeffery Convers son of John, bapt. 16 Jan. 1568.

William Convers son of John, bapt. 18 Feb. 1570.

As there is no record of the marriage of John and Joane Convers or Cumbers, and as the baptism of the eldest son, Allen, is not of record, it is probable that the mother was of another parish and that her eldest child was baptized in the parish where her family lived. That she was perhaps, a Joane Allen is worth consideration. We may assume the marriage as taking place in 1555, as Allen the eldest son was not twenty one at the date of his father's will in 1574, and Thomas the next son was born in 1560. There is a record of baptism of a Joane Convers, no parentage specified, 10 Jan. 1558, and this may be the Jane of the will, and if so we might expect that Allen Convers was born in 1556.

The will of Allen Convers of South Weald has already been printed in Waters' Gleanings, page 237. Dated 3 Jan. 1636, proved 28 June 1639 (Arch. Essex, 56 Whitehead). To wife Elizabeth house and land in Navestock and Stanford Rivers for life, and after her death to son Gabriel. Also to wife house and land in Fifield, and after her decease to son Daniel. Legacies to son Andrew son Richard, to daughter Anne Shelton, to daughter Hester Skynner. To Edward my son the sum of five shillings.

From the parish registers of Navestock and South Weald we are able to supply the dates of baptism of the children named in the will and other facts of interest.

From the parish register of Navestock:

Allen Convers daughter [*sic*, evidently an error of the clerk] of Allin Convers, bapt. 28 Feb. 1586

Edwardus Convers son of Allin, bapt. 23 March 1588.

Andrew Convers son of Allen, bapt. 30 Nov. 1591.

Joanna wife of Allen Convers de Weald buried 22 June, 1602.

From the parish register of South Weald:

Anne Combers daughter of Allin, bapt. 20 June 1599.

Allin Convers and Elizabeth Pamer married 28 Nov. 1602.

Susan Convers daughter of Allin, bapt. 18 March 1603.

Gabriel Combers son of Allin, bapt. 24 March 1604.

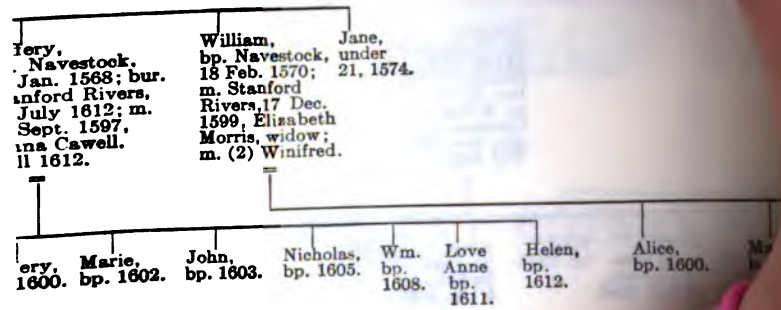
Daniel Convers son of Allin, bapt. 18 Feb. 1609.

Hester Convers daughter of Allin, bapt. 26 April 1612.

Theophilus Convers son of Allin, bapt. 13 March 1613.

Allin Convers son of Allin, bapt. 18 Aug. 1616.

Josiah Convers son of Edward, bapt. 30 Oct. 1618.



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Aaron (?) Convers son of Allin, bapt. 2 Feb. 1618.
 Abraham (?) Convers son of Allin, and Sarah, bapt. 7 Jan. 1619.
 John Convers son of Edward and Sarah, bapt. 29 Nov. 1620.
 Sarah Convers daughter of Edward and Sarah, bapt. 2 June 1623.
 Sarah Convers daughter of Allin and Sarah, bapt. 17 April 1621.
 William Skinner and Ester Convers married 28 Oct. 163(5).
 Aaron Convers son of Allin Convers buried 7 March 1618.
 Sarah Convers wife of Allin buried 5 Dec. 1626.

The records commonly known as Lay Subsidies, and such records as Marriage Licenses, Feet of Fines, etc., also supply us with frequent mention of the name, and from these, the records quoted above, and from records to be searched, there is little doubt but that an extensive genealogical history of the family of Convers in County Essex could be compiled, extending over a period of more than 250 years. The Converses of Lambourne, East Mersey, and Pelham are known to be closely connected with the Navestock family and so are various others of the name in London and in farther Essex, and even in neighboring counties. But there is nothing to show connection with the Combers family of Sussex, to which family belonged the Dean of Carlisle who died in 1653. There are evidences of several families of Comber in different parts of England, and from early times. The name Combers is found in the records antedating the mention of the le Convers and as it may be either derived from some trade or from some of the many places so called, it would be unreasonable to assume a common origin of the name. That Convers should be corrupted into Comber by clerks entering the name is not surprising, but there is no proof that the individuals themselves preferred Combers to Convers. The name Convers is of considerable antiquity in France and is found in the parts of France formerly owning allegiance to the Kings of England. As indicative of the possible transfer of one of the English family to the soil of France, the following entry is instructive.

1417, 30 Sept. License of the King to John Convers "our leigeman of England," to marry the daughter of Richard Caunet of our town of Caen in Normandy, born in the said town aforesaid, and also to the said John the house in our said town aforesaid which the said Richard inhabited and all the lands Richard had out of the said town; to the said John and his heirs by the services accustomed, etc. By the King himself at his castle in Caen (Rot. Norm. 5 Henry V, page 184).

I am,

Very truly yours,

EBEN PUTNAM.

Corrigenda.

The lines of descent of the following persons have not yet been ascertained, but the record is preserved here as of probable value to descendants. Here also will be found some data received too late for insertion in proper places.

Admitted to the church from Spencertown, 20 July 1799, ESTHER CONVERS, HANNAH CONVERS and SARAH CONVERS (Windsor Church records). It is believed that this meant Spencer, which is an old town, incorporated 1753.

Among the signers of the confession of faith in the Windsor Church in 1771 were two by the name of HANNAH CONVERS.

Widow ESTHER CONVERSE died 31 May 1805, aged 84 (Windsor town records).

JAMES CONVERSE, late of Windsor (1801): widow Hannah (No. 1807 Berkshire County Probate). HANNAH CONVERSE signer of confession of faith in 1771 (Windsor Church records); admitted from church in Spencertown, 20 July 1800.

Children:

HANNAH CONVERSE, under 14 in 1801;* admitted from church in Spencertown, N. Y., 20 July 1800.

SUSANNAH CONVERSE, married, 9 Feb. 1807, Julius Rising of Suffield, Conn.* She was admitted from church in Spencertown, N. Y., 20 July 1800.

SARAH CONVERSE, over 14 in 1801. [Is this the Sarah Ann Converse of Richmond who married Rensselaer Foster in 1815?] Admitted from church in Spencertown, N. Y., 20 July 1800.*

ESTHER CONVERSE, over 14 in 1801.* Admitted from church in Spencertown, N. Y., 20 July 1800.

JAMES CONVERSE, under 14 in 1801.* Admitted from church in Spencertown, 20 July 1820(?)

49. CAPTAIN AMASA CONVERS* (*Capt. Edward*⁵ (22), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). From information received from Dr. W. H. Morse of Westfield, N. J., too late to be incorporated in pp. 98, 99, it is learned that Amasa Convers settled in Windsor about 1772, upon induce-

* Signer of confession of faith without date (Windsor, Mass., Church Records).

ments granted by Edward Walker, Esq. His wife, Olive, was daughter of Darius Williams of Colchester, Conn., or vicinity. She had two brothers, Elijah and Judah, who settled in Williamstown (Savoy). The date of death of Capt. Amasa is given as 1825, his age at death 76 years.

Of his daughters, "Roxy" married Fred. Dunham, a rich, eccentric sea-captain, and had Evander Dunham,^s Darius Williams Dunham,^s Charles Austin Dunham,^s Zeruiah Dunham,^s Roxanna Dunham,^s and other daughters. Darius Williams Dunham^s lives in Pittsfield, has numerous descendants including a son Jasper Dunham,^s Esq., of Brooklyn.

"Polly" Convers's⁷ husband, Bennett Pratt, was a brother of the Pratts who founded Prattsville, N. Y.; he was a tanner in Dalton. Their daughters were Harriett Pratt,^s unmarried; Mary Pratt,^s who married Daniel Cass; Ann Pratt,^s married Roswell Hubbard, as his second wife; Julia Pratt,^s married William Kendall whose son Dr. W. P. Kendall,^s U. S. A., attended President McKinley at Buffalo; Emmeline Pratt,^s married Francis M. Knox whose daughter Linnie^s is the wife of Dr. William H. Morse.^s

Olive Convers⁷ had beside the three sons given on page 99, viz., Thaddeus Chapin Morse,^s Alonzo Morse^s and Amasa Converse Morse,^s Adosha Morse^s and Jerusha Morse.^s The latter was married to Mr. Hubbard.

Alonzo Morse^s married Betsey C. Thayer and was among the first settlers at Vineland, N. J. Of their five children one is Mrs. J. W. Bradburn of Worthington, Mass.

Amasa Converse Morse,^s was in early life a button maker. He married Caroline Electa eldest daughter of Richard Colt Cogswell, a leading citizen and politician of Pittsfield. They were the parents of Dr. W. H. Morse^s who says further: "After his marriage my father settled on a farm at Pittsfield, and he had reverses, so that I was cared for more especially by my father's sister, until I went to college. Adosha Morse was a strict and straight Baptist, and member of the First Baptist Church, Pittsfield. Her great interest was in foreign missions, and this I also came to cherish with ambition. That ambition grew as my mother had two cousins who were missionaries. These were Rev. Robert Hume, of Ahmednugger, India, and father of the 'hero' of the 'Andover Controversy,' and Rev. Justin Parsons, who was martyred in Armenia. My aunt and I were determined, and I set out to be a foreign missionary. As my uncle, Dr. J. F. Miner of Buffalo, was a physician, I studied medicine that I might be a missionary physician. But, back of that there was another more potential impelling force.

"My aunt, though eloquent in praise of Judson and Harriet Newell as mission-

aries, could also tell that it was 'Granter' Converse who took the initiative in forming a church at Windsor, and until Rev. David Avery was settled as pastor, he 'held meetings.' And also how he would go to the schoolhouses and do the same; and in 1816 he was interested in the legal incorporation of the Berkshire and Columbia Missionary Society, which had been formed in 1798. By this incorporation he was one of the workers in carrying the Gospel through the County, Southern Vermont and Eastern New York, and took lively interest in it. (He was a Congregationalist, of course.) My father had become an Episcopalian and did not encourage my ambition; but with 'Granter's' experience he 'supposed that the boy might as well go.' So I graduated and the ambition of my life waited on me. It was just after the war between Russia and Turkey, and the latter wanted English, German and American physicians in its hospitals and training schools. So when I applied to Secretary Clark of the American Board, Senator Dawes of Pittsfield gave me a letter to Senator Windom (I presume he was chairman of the foreign relations committee, as he was not yet Secretary). The result was that I had the appointment, and was to be stationed at Aintab, Syria, in the Board's service as well as in the Hospital. But the year in which I studied with Prof. Whitney of Yale to obtain some fundamental knowledge of the Armenian and Turkish languages, was also spent to all available extent in the New York hospitals, and as a result my health failed, and I gave up the appointment. Then, coming out here in 1884, half an invalid, and still maintaining that same half, the opportunity of serving the Bible Society as Secretary came to me, and then the work among the immigrants, and the establishment and maintenance of the Bible Missions at Garwood, German Village, and New Orange, which you have encouraged by your contribution. So it is that the Converse leaven works. My wife, my daughter, and I are only country people, but to the end of our days we hope to go on with this work among these people."

AUGUSTUS CONVERSE of Salem, Mass., born in Newburyport, died aged 92 in Norwich, Conn. He married Amy Hyde Mansfield of Norwich, Conn., who died there.

Children, born in Salem:

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS CONVERSE born 1812; died in infancy.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS CONVERSE, born 1814; died in Norwich, Conn., aged 84 yrs. He lived in Norwich, where he was a merchant. His children were EDWARD A. CONVERSE died at the age of fifty years; CARRIE CONVERSE who married Alfred E. Austin of South Norwalk, and had ELIZABETH CONVERSE AUSTIN born about 1886.

WILLIAM MANSFIELD CONVERSE, born 1816, of Norwich, merchant; died at the age of sixty years.

EMMA MANSFIELD CONVERSE, born 1818, lived in Providence, R. I., and died at the age of seventy six years. She was a contributor to the Providence Journal and to various magazines.

MARY ELIZABETH CONVERSE, born 1820; living in 1901 in Providence, R. I.

ALBERT TRACY CONVERSE, born 1822, of Norwich, a merchant; died at the age of seventy two years. He married and had children:

MATILDA C. CONVERSE, born about 1872; now living in Norwich.

WILLIAM F. CONVERSE of New York in 1901 formerly connected with the firm of B. Nicoll and Company, now of the firm of William F. Converse and Co., 120 Liberty St., New York, pig iron and coke.

AMY MANSFIELD CONVERSE, married H. F. Fuller and has DOROTHY and CATHERINE W. FULLER. Live in New London, Conn.

THEODORE R. CONVERSE, aged 43 in 1901, of Stillwater, Minn. Has a son EDWIN F. CONVERSE aged three years in 1901.

CHESTER M. CONVERSE, aged 47 in 1901.

JOSHUA CONVERSE, of Salem, had daughter Elizabeth baptized 12 March 1778.

DEACON PERRINE CONVERSE, born in eastern New York about 1814, removed in 1830 to Jackson County, Mich., and ten years later to Aurelius, Ingraham County, Mich., and died 10 October 1880, æt. 76.

This family were farmers, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and most of them held public office.

Children:

ORRIN M. CONVERSE, eldest son, born in Jackson County, 20 July 1836; died 9 August 1868. He was wounded in the Civil War, in which he served as captain. Obtained a professional education at Kalamazoo, Mich. Children:

ERNEST L. CONVERSE, born 12 August 1859.

CHARLES C. CONVERSE, born 10 Sept. 1861, of Lansing, Mich.

HENRY CONVERSE, died in the army of fever.

MONTROSE CONVERSE, living in 1902.

JUDSON CONVERSE, living in 1902.

JOHN BAPTISTE CONVERSE, born in a small town in France in 1760, was a blacksmith. His son

ANTOINE CONVERSE born in 1795, in St. Marcel, France, emigrated to America in 1855. He lived but six weeks after reaching America. He had at least two sons, both of whom settled in America. The name of one son, who died leaving a widow, is not known. His widow lives in Oswego. The other son,

VIRGIL A. CONVERSE, has lived in Oswego since 1855, the date of the migration. He has two children both living in Oswego, viz.,

ARMAND J. CONVERSE,

MAYME CONVERSE.

Mr. Virgil A. Converse beyond the information given above, through the medium of his children, knows little of the family history. Relatives of the name live in France, one family in Paris. An undefined and vague tradition exists that the ancestor of this family went from England into France. The name, however, in its original form, Convers, is an established French name.

There is of record the following arms borne by a family of Convers in the Province of Vaud:

CONVERS, P. de Vaud, Bois le Duc. D'argent a une larme de sable, accosté de trois ancolies d'azur.

From the History of Palmer, Mass.

ELISHA CONVERSE⁶ (*Jonathan*⁵ (23), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Connecticut about 1750, went to Vermont in 1806 and thence to Brimfield in 1820. He supplied the American army during the war of 1812 with provisions. He married, 2 December 1779, Mary Bishop; married, second, 2 November 1814, Mary Wells. He died 15 February 1843. (See Page 105.)

Children:

ROSWELL CONVERSE,⁷ born 14 Sept. 1780; married, March 1807, Doshia Nichols.

JONATHAN CONVERSE,⁷ born 27 March 1782; married, 10 March 1806, Lydia Joslyn.

POLLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 March 1784; married, 10 April 1806, David Warren.

LUCY CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 February 1786; married, 21 July 1806, Jason Jones.

ESTHER CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 May 1788; married, 15 August 1808, Ephraim Wheeler.

ADELPHIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 24 June 1790; married, August 1811, Henry Wheelock.

LOVISA CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 June 1792; married, 9 June 1818, Sprague L. Converse.

ELISHA CONVERSE,⁷ born 12 August 1794; married Mahitable Fenton.

JOHN MASON CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 February 1797; married, 17 January 1821, Delinda Newton.

ELISHA CONVERSE,⁷ JR. (*Elisha*,⁶ *Jonathan*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 12 August 1794; died 17 December, 18—; married 9 May 1820, Mahitable Fenton, born 26 May 1795, died 20 October 1850; married, second, 12 November 1852, Lovinia Fuller. He was of Palmer, worked in a sawmill, purchased a farm near the old Centre, and secured financial success.

JOHN MASON CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 July 1823; married Emeline Ringe.

HENRY DEXTER CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 May 1825; died 25 Jan. 1848.

MARY MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 23 April 1828; died 5 March 1829.

ALFRED CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 April 1830.

JOHN MASON CONVERSE⁹ (*Elisha,⁷ Elisha,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), married, 18 December 1851, Emeline Ringe, born 6 May 1827.

Children:

MARY E. CONVERSE,⁹ born 28 May 1853; died 20 August 1854.

LIZZIE M. CONVERSE,⁹ born 2 November 1854; died 29 May 1857.

DELIA R. CONVERSE,⁹ born 8 Sept. 1856; died 22 June 1865.

HENRY DEXTER CONVERSE,⁹ born Sept. 1858.

LIEUTENANT JOSIAH CONVERSE⁹ (19), (page 46), had daughter Eleanor⁸ who married Col. Stephen Moulton as given in the text. Col. Moulton was son of Rev. Ebenezer and Abigail Moulton of South Brimfield, Mass., and grandson of Robert Moulton. Col. Stephen and Eleanor (Converse) Moulton lived in Stafford Springs, Conn., and in Floyd, N. Y.; they had a daughter who died in infancy, and seven sons, Howard,⁷ Stephen,⁷ Benjamin,⁷ Joseph,⁷ Salmon,⁷ Ebenezer⁷ and Josiah,⁷ five of whom served in the Revolution. Benjamin Moulton was born 25 August 1766, died 27 March 1841. He married, 25 December 1788, Sarah daughter of Deacon Seth and Mary (Edson) Johnson, born 13 February 1769. Mary Edson, wife of Deacon Seth Johnson, was daughter of Timothy and Mary (Alden) Edson. Maria Moulton,⁸ daughter of Benjamin, was born 25 April 1806 and married, 22 February 1824, Hezekiah McIntoch and had nine children, the eldest being George Washington McIntoch,⁹ who married Mary Anna Evans, daughter of Owen Evans by his wife Anna Griffith, and had Henriette Maria McIntoch,¹⁰ married to Hon. Philip Mark Shannon of Bradford, Penn., afterwards of Pittsburg, and Anna Jennie McIntoch¹⁰ married to Hon. Gideon Howard Strong of Olean, N. Y.

Hon. Philip Mark and Henriette Maria (McIntoch) Shannon have one daughter Hazel McIntoch Shannon.¹¹ Hon. Gideon Howard and Anna Jennie (McIntoch) Strong have one daughter, Helen Strong.¹¹

DARIUS CONVERSE lived and died near Union City, Ind., on the Ohio side of the river. He had a brother named Joel Converse. Will C. Converse, Esq., of Richmond, Ind., who was secretary of the County Republican Central Committee during the campaign of 1904, a grandson of Darius, thinks Darius and Joel were from Columbus, Ohio.

EDWARD CONVERSE of Woburn was admitted freeman July 1681. (*Middlesex County Court files.*)

BENJAMIN B. CONVERSE, an old-time leather merchant of Boston and formerly president of the Everett Bank, died at his home in Newton, 270 Park Street, 14 May 1904, aged 80 years. He was born in Boston, had lived in Dorchester, but had made his home in Newton for the past eleven years. (*Press notice.*)

JOSIAH CONVERSE of Woburn was admitted freeman 10 September 1684.
Middlesex County Court Files, December 1684.

JOSIAH CONVERSE, a resident of New Hampshire, removed to New York. He had a son ELIJAH CONVERSE born in New Hampshire. The latter's son is H. J. CONVERSE, treasurer of the Southville Creamery, Converse, N. Y. A cousin of Mr. H. J. Converse is EDITH, wife of Rev. JOHN BARTHOLOMEW of Newburgh, N. Y.

WILLIAM ERASMUS CHANDLER (page 489) married, second, 5 October 1904, in New York, Anna Blanchard Souther, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Mary Francis (Towle) Souther and widow of David Wilson Pond of Worcester who died in 1897. She was born in Belfast, Maine, 9 April 1848, and had two sons by her first marriage, viz., William Souther Pond, who died in June 1904, and David Stirling Pond, Princeton, '05.

HELEN PRENTIS CONVERSE* (*John Heman*⁷ (221), *Rev. John Kendrick*,⁸ *Joel*,⁸ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,⁸ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) (page 412), married, 8 June 1905, Warren Parsons Thorpe. The following account of the marriage appeared in the Philadelphia Ledger of 9 June 1905.

Miss Helen Prentis Converse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Converse, and Mr. Warren Parsons Thorpe were married yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and white flowers. The chancel was festooned with white roses, carnations and southern smilax. A special train carried the guests from New York, Washington and this city to Bryn Mawr station where carriages were in waiting to convey them to the church.

Promptly at the hour the bride moved up the aisle to the altar on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She wore a handsome gown of white satin designed with white tulle and duchess lace. A long tulle veil was fastened with orange blossoms. On her arm she carried a large bouquet of lilies of the valley held together by white chiffon ribbon. Her sister, Miss Mary Converse, as maid of honor, wore a dress of blue chiffon cloth, trimmed with lace, and a white hat with blue feathers. She carried a bunch of ferns. The bridesmaids were Miss Eleanor Jones of Boston, Miss Lynette Powell, daughter of the British consul,

Miss Mildred Thorpe, a sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Grace Phillips of Brooklyn. Their gowns were of white chiffon cloth, trimmed with satin ribbon. They wore straw hats with white plumes and carried white peonies.

Charles N. Thorpe, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and John W. Converse, Lawrence Dudley, Armitt Brown and Joseph E. Davis, the last



Warren Parsons Thorpe.



Mrs. Helen Prentiss (Converse) Thorpe.

of New York, as ushers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. William H. Miller, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. Sparhawk Jones of this city.

A reception followed the ceremony at Chetwynd, the summer residence of the bride's parents at Rosemont. The house was decorated with roses and palms.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe left Rosemont last evening and on Saturday next will sail for Europe, where they will remain several months. Upon their return they will reside in this city.

The bride is a member of the Merion Cricket Club. Her parents live at 1610 Locust street, and divide their summers between Rosemont and Beach Haven.

Mr. Thorpe is a son of Mrs. Charles Newbold Thorpe, of 1729 Pine street. His mother, who is one of the most active clubwomen in town, is president of the New Century. He was graduated from Yale in 1900. He is connected with the Westinghouse Machine Company of New York.

Mr. Warren Parsons Thorpe was born in Philadelphia, Pa., 13 December 1877; fitted for college at Forsythe, and William Penn Charter School; graduated from Yale in 1900; editor Yale Record while in college; after graduation with Union Petroleum Co., Philadelphia; afterwards for two years with Westinghouse Machine Co. in New York City; and from 1 Aug. 1905 will be engaged in the office of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia.

THE CONVERSE CHEST.

The illustration presented herewith is that of a chest for many generations an heirloom in the Converse family. This chest is the property of Mr. John Heman Converse of Philadelphia. Its history back to 1684 is well established.

The farm in Thompson, Conn., once owned by Samuel Converse, Jr., who was born in Woburn in 1662, passed out of the family, and in 1902, as mentioned on page 40, was owned by Mr. Stephen Ballard. In the old house on the farm this chest was found, which, since coming into the possession of Mr. John H. Converse, has been carefully cleaned, and the following inscription engraved on a plate affixed thereto.

THIS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE
WEDDING CHEST OF JUDITH
DAUGHTER OF REV. THOMAS CARTER, OB. 1684,
WIFE OF SAMUEL CONVERSE,
AND MOTHER OF SAMUEL CONVERSE, JR.,
OF KILLINGLY, CONN.,
FROM WHOSE LINE IT WAS ACQUIRED IN 1904
BY JOHN HEMAN CONVERSE, A DESCENDANT.

This chest is of unusual interest aside from its family associations. The centre panel is ornamented with an heraldic design,—a most unusual feature in New England furniture. The inverted chevron with the two roses or cinquefoils above may perhaps be an artistic representation of heraldic figures without meaning. Knowing that this chest was once the property, probably, of the Rev. Thomas Carter, or at least of his daughter Judith, who was the wife of the elder Samuel Converse,—there occurs to mind instantly the fact that the coat of arms ascribed to certain English families of this name, might well have suggested this particular ornamentation. *Argent, a chevron between three cart wheels vert* describes a grant of arms in 1612. This is so simple as to suggest a much older origin than this grant. Another Carter coat is *argent on a chevron between three Catherine wheels, sable, as many cinquefoils of the first*.

The base of the shield on the chest was left void of heraldic ornamentation, perhaps to admit of the insertion of a date, and the date 1684 is that of the death of the Rev. Thomas Carter. The letters originally carved in the shield were undoubtedly J. C., the J being an I with a line

across its middle. At a later date some person apparently attempted to change this I to a P,—perhaps at the time that it came into the possession of Pain Converse, who owned the Samuel Converse farm at his death. A later hand has scratched an A, between the original letter and the chevron.

Perhaps this chest is one of those three chests mentioned in Samuel Converse's inventory,—see page 15.

Lyon says of chests, they were "in use from classical times. We find the



The Converse Chest.

chest during the middle ages the particular piece of household furniture serving as a receptacle for clothing, money, plate, and other valuables." The emigrants to New England brought many chests, they being the one article of household furniture easily stored, handled, and at the same time serving as a packing case; nevertheless, most of the chests now in existence were probably made in New England, and there were from the earliest times carvers in Boston, which renders it possible, if not probable, that this chest was built and carved to the order of the Rev. Thomas Carter, the minister at Woburn, with the intention of giving it to his daughter as a wedding chest; and upon his death, it having come to the minor children of his deceased daughter, the date of his decease was entered in the blank space below the chevron.

Judge Samuel Sewall in his diary tells of bringing boxes with him from England, when he visited the old home, which he had made for his sons; and

on which he had carved the date of their births. There is no date of birth, or marriage, or death, in the line through which this chest descended, except that of the Rev. Thomas Carter, to which the date 1684 applies.

(Page 828.) JOHN BISHOP died in 1754 not 1755, as printed; this is proven by the probate of his will 22 Nov. 1754. In his testament, a copy of which has been furnished by Mr. H. F. Bishop, he calls himself of Norwich. To son John he gives the thirty three acres on which he now lives and already granted him by deed. To sons Joseph, Benjamin and Samuel 1000 acres of land in equal portions "lying on the east side of my farm I now live upon beginning at the southeast corner of it and extending so far north and west," etc. Daughter Mary Allen is to receive, besides what she has had toward her portion, £150 in old tenor. Daughter Deborah Cushman is to receive £500 in addition to what she has had. To daughter Temperance he gives £600 and the same amount to Esther and Zorah when they shall arrive at the ages of eighteen years and twenty one years. All legacies are "to be paid and made good as old tenor is now in silver at three pounds and thirteen shillings per ounce." To his wife Temperance he gives one third his dwelling house, barn and other buildings, and the whole improvement of his farm until Samuel is twenty one. The farm lately purchased of Mr. Joseph Woodward to be sold to pay debts. Other estate is left to the widow until Samuel is of age when a division shall be made among the sons as above, including other lands and property not specified. Wife and son John to be executors. Dated 14 Nov. 1754, and executed in the presence of Daniel Bishop, Jr., Jeremiah Kinsman and John Kirtland.

Norwich Probate Records, I:378.

DYER CONVERSE, a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, married Priscilla Marcy. They had son Edward Morris Converse.

EDWARD MORRIS CONVERSE (*Dyer*), born in Millington, Conn., 8 April 1788; married 4 December 1811, Phila, daughter of David and Huldah (Cogswell) Peck, born 31 August 1787.

Children of Edward Morris and Phila (Peck) Converse:

JENNETTE CONVERSE, born 1 March 1813; married, 1 Oct. 1834, William Clark who was born 8 Jan. 1812. Children:

JULIA ANN CLARK, born 21 Aug. 1836.

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WILLIAM E. CLARK, born 10 Aug. 1839.

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JULIANA.

JULIA ANN CONVERSE, born 29 Jan. 1815; married, 20 Jan. 1839, Samuel R. Gridley.

NANCY CONVERSE, born 23 April 1820; married Pertullus D. Townsend who was born 9 April 1820. Children:

ORRIN P. TOWNSEND, born 20 Aug. 1842.

ALICE E. TOWNSEND, born 19 Oct. 1851.

(Page 120.) JOSEPH ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁷ JR. (*Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 January 1835; was married 21 December 1853, to Louise Maria Reynolds of Farmington, N. Y. He was a farmer and nurseryman, and died at Palmyra, N.Y., 3 April 1903.

Children of Joseph Elliott and Louise Maria (Reynolds) Converse:

ANNIE LOUISE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 1 Feb. 1856; died in Florida, 25 March 1887. She was educated at the Palmyra High School and the Brockport Normal School, graduating from the latter in 1876. In June 1883 she married Clement J. Paskett of London, England, by whom she had WINIFRED LOUISE PASKETT,⁹ born 22 Aug. 1884, and ANNIE LEWELLYN PASKETT,⁹ born 7 Nov. 1885.

FREDERICK ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 Nov. 1860.

WALTER BYRON CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Oct. 1868.

FREDERICK ELLIOTT CONVERSE⁸ (*Joseph Elliott*,⁷ Jr., *Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y., 3 November 1860; was educated at the Palmyra High School and at the Law Department of Union College from which he was graduated on 1 June 1885, with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar in June 1885, and immediately associated himself in the practise of law with M. Hopkins under the firm name of Hopkins and Converse, which firm still continues at Palmyra, N. Y. He is a member of the Palmyra Baptist Church, and for many years has been the leader of the choir, and superintendent of the Sunday School. He has never held office, although he was the candidate of the Democratic party for County Judge and District Attorney, but was defeated in a county overwhelmingly Republican. He married, 28 November 1888, at Palmyra, N. Y., Florence Louise Vail, daughter of James H. and Adelia O. Vail. * Mrs. Converse has been the organist of the Baptist Church for twenty-five years.

Children of Frederick Elliott and Florence Louise (Vail) Converse, all born in Palmyra, N. Y.:

WALTER REYNOLDS CONVERSE,⁹ born 11 Nov. 1889.

FREDERICK JAMES CONVERSE,⁹ born 15 Oct. 1891.

ELOISE CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 May 1894.

WALTER BYRON CONVERSE⁸ (*Joseph Elliott⁷, Jr., Joseph Elliott⁶ (64), David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Farmington, N. Y., 5 October 1868; was educated at Palmyra High School. For five years from 1880 he was in the employ of the State Industrial School at Rochester as a foreman. He then entered into mercantile business at North Java, Wyoming County, N. Y. In 1884 he was married to Fannie L. Rogers of last named place; after four years he removed to the city of Rochester, N. Y. In 1902 he removed to Erie, Pa., and engaged with others in the manufacture of gas-burning mantles, and as dealers in gas-burning glassware, under the name of the Erie Gas Mantle Manufacturing Company. He was appointed postmaster during Harrison's administration.

Child of Walter Byron and Fannie L. (Rogers) Converse:

ALICE ROGERS CONVERSE,⁹ born at North Java, Wyoming Co., N. Y., 15 Jan. 1886 married in Rochester, N. Y., to John Schulz, 29 Jan. 1905.

(Page 679.) *Lamberton.* — Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, opportunity is afforded to print a copy of the recently discovered record of the marriage of Captain George Lamberton, which took place in St. Nicholas Acons parish, London. The record is as follows:

Jan. 6, 1628-9. George Lamberton of the Parish of St. Mary White Chappell and Margrett Lewen of the same parish.

(Page 872.) The following brief abstracts are of wills registered in the Husting Court of the City of London.

WILLIAM LE CONVERS, undated will, proved 24 May 1282. To Hugh, his wife's son, a house in the parish of St. Andrew Huberd. To Agnes, his wife, a house in parish of St. Swythun and rents at Wolcherhawe, also houses and rents without Newgate in St. Clement's Lane and in the parishes of St. Mary Wolcherhawe and St. Adeburga for life. Remainder to pious uses. To Geoffrey le Dubber and his daughter, the reversion of a certain house. By a codicil the legacy to Geoffrey Davit (*sic, also David*) of a house in parish of St. Alburga, is revoked and given to Agnes his wife. *Roll 13 (84).*

AMICIA LA MUNETERE, undated will, proved 18 October 1298. To John called "le sekesteyn de Godechester," her nephew, land and houses in parish of St. Dunstan West. To John le Convers, son of Roger le Convers, and to Sibil his wife, the reversion of a tenement in le Brail, parish of St. Sepulche without Newgate, on condition he cause two annuals to be celebrated in the said churches of St. Sepulchre and St. Dunstan for the good of her soul and the souls of Hamo her husband and others. *Roll 27 (121).*

ROBERT LE CONVERS, undated will, proved 25 July 4 Edw. II (1310). To Roysia his wife, his tenements in the Goldsmithery, London, parish of St. Vedast for life, with remainder to his

daughter Catherine. To Nicholas his son a tenement in the suburbs of London in parish of St. Dunstan West in fleetstreet. To Henry his son all his tenements in parishes of St. Michael le Quern and St. Faith, also to the aforesaid Katherine his tenement in parish of St. Dunstan West saving to Sibil his daughter her term of thirty years in the same. *Roll 39 (26).*

RICHARD LE CONVERS, undated will, proved 13 October 13 Edw. II (1319). To Cecelia his wife his mansion house in parish of St. Michael for life, with remainder to pious uses.

Roll 48 (33).

On page 873 there is reference to certain Kellshulls *alias* Convers.

ROGER DE KELLESHULL made his will in London 12 March 1352-3. It was proved 23 April 1353. To be buried in the church of St. Mary de Wolcherchew. To wife Johanna and to Richard de Berdefeld, chaplain, his tenement in said parish; his wife to have £40, residue to charity. *Court of Husting, Roll 81 (24).*

The will of JOHN DE CANTEBRIGGE, fishmonger, dated 10 August 1376, provides for his burial in St. Mary chapel of Chichiche Holy Trinity, where John his son, Elizabeth and Agnes his former wives lie buried. To wife Katherine. To William Kelhull, fishmonger, and Agnes his wife a tenement in parish of St. Michael atte Coldeabbey with remainder to William son of Thomas Convers in tail. *Court of Husting.*

WILLIAM DE KELLESHULL, fishmonger, dated his will at his mansion house in Abbey of Lesnes 21 September 1383. He provides for his burial in the churchyard of the conventual church of the Abbey of Lesnes [co. Kent]. Certain rents in Oldfish street for the souls of John de Triple, Katherine, Katherine and Alice wives of said John and others. To Agnes his wife. To daughter Katherine. Sir Laurence his brother, executor. *Court of Husting.*

(Page 83, eight lines from bottom.) *Josiah* should read *Israel*, i. e. "Col. Israel was of unusually large stature."

(Page 103.) Luella, Samuel and Marian S., children of Sarah M. Hall and Edwin W. Field, by error appear under the surname Hall.

(Page 188, No. 261.) Read *She* for *He*.

(Page 198.) Lucy Southworth, daughter of Lewis Converse Lillie, married, in Williamstown, Mass., 19 August 1905, Lawrence Greenbank Holden.

(Page 223.) Mrs. Lucenia (Converse) Newman died 3 January 1901.

(Page 380.) First line, in line of ancestry, *Rev. Francis Amasa*^o (74) should be *Rev. Dr. Amasa*^o (74).

(Page 723, line seven.) *now* is misprint for *nowise*.

A record has been found of a Capt. Edward Allen who was of Capt. Clarke's regiment (at least he sold his debenture with others of that regiment to Capt. Tanney) when Cromwell conquered Ireland in 1652, after the great Irish uprising of 1641. This item is received just as the last page of this book is being printed, so that there is not now time to make further search before completion of this work in order to ascertain what connection, if any, there may have been between this Edward Allen and the Edward Allen who was the progenitor of the Allen line specially recorded in this work.

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